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Abduction linked to shoplift charge in Manchester

Diplomatic storm after Tehran kidnap release

By Our Foreign Staff

Britain and Iran were trying to defuse a tense diplomatic stand-off last night after the release of a senior British diplomat in Tehran who was held hostage for 24 hours in apparent retaliation for the arrest of an Iranian diplomat in Manchester.

The British Interests Section's Second Secretary in Iran, Mr Edward Chaplin, aged 36, was returned to his family at their Tehran home after being imprisoned overnight at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Guards in the centre of the Iranian capital.

An ominous statement from the Islamic Revolutionary Committees later said that Mr Chaplin had only been "released temporarily".

According to diplomatic colleagues he was "severely beaten, battered and bruised" during his detention and spent part of yesterday handcuffed to a chair after being driven to several locations run by revolutionary committees in the city.

Although he was never informed why he had been seized at gunpoint from his car on Thursday afternoon, it became clear yesterday that his abduction was directly related to the arrest in Manchester earlier that day of Mr Ahmed Ghassemi, an employee of the Iranian Consulate-General in Manchester.

Mr Ghassemi was arrested by plainclothes officers after a high-speed chase through suburban Manchester, which ended in a scuffle with police officers and his detention at Bootle Street police station.

Mr Ghassemi had been arrested on May 9, accused of stealing five pairs of socks and a purse from three shops in the the Arndale shopping centre in Manchester. At the time he claimed diplomatic immunity, but police later established that he did not have full diplomatic status and went to his house to make the arrest.

Yesterday the Iranian chargé d'affaires in London, Mr Muhammad Mahdi Akhoond Basti, claimed that the arresting officers had "harassed and tortured" Mr Ghassemi, although witnesses later said he looked fit and healthy when he reappeared in London.

Although officials in London and Tehran were at pains to play down the connection between the two arrests, police sources in Manchester said that the Home Office received a warning on Thursday that unless Mr Ghassemi was freed Mr Chaplin would be shot.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, said that the Government would be pressing the Iranian authorities to find out who was responsible for Mr Chaplin's arrest. Asked if there was any deal involved to secure his release he said: "No. None whatsoever. As you know we do not have the policy of making deals."

It is still not clear why Mr Ghassemi was allowed to go free on bail on Thursday pending a court hearing on June 11 on six charges, including theft, wreckless driving, resisting arrest and breaking a policeman's wristwatch.

The Iranians had described the armed and violent kidnapping of Mr Chaplin as "detention on suspicion". Western diplomats in Tehran, however, had learned within hours of Mr Chaplin's abduction that the Iranian authorities would make an immediate demand for the release of Mr Ghassemi.

Yesterday morning, an Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman promptly protested at the "illegal arrest" of Mr Ghassemi in Manchester, demanding an official explanation for his detention.

But after one of the most extraordinary diplomatic episodes of its kind – even by Tehran standards – Sheikh Holislam, the Minister of Political Affairs in the Foreign Ministry, secured the release of Mr Chaplin from the revolutionary guards, sending the stunned diplomat back to his family home at the British diplomatic compound at Golhak in north Tehran.

The most puzzling aspect of the whole incident was the degree to which the Iranian authorities themselves were involved in the kidnapping.

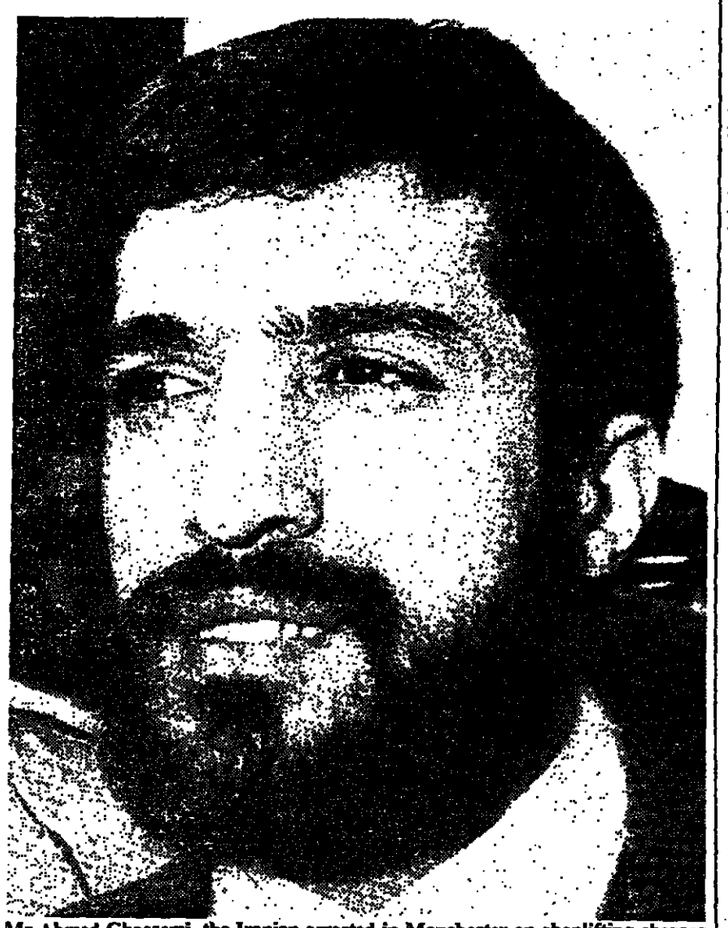
The West German Ambassador to Iran, Herr Armin Freitag, witnessed the assault on Mr Chaplin but his Iranian guards refused to intervene when they realised that the kidnappers were from an official revolutionary committee. When Mr Freitag himself attempted to help Mr Chaplin's wife Nicola, who was still in her husband's car with their two children, he was threatened with a rifle by one of the gunmen.

In fact, the six revolutionary guards who rammed their jeep into the side of the diplomat's Range Rover as he was driving on the Mohandessin motorway in Tehran are believed to have been working either for Mr Hussein Mousavi, the Iranian Prime Minister, or for the office of Ayatollah Khomeini himself.

Yet the kidnapping can only cause acute embarrassment to several of the most senior officials in the Iranian Government and may thus also have been part of the internal power struggle going on in Tehran as Ayatollah Khomeini's health and political control grows steadily weaker. Since the official closing of Britain's embassy in Tehran, British diplomats in the city have worked in the

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Mr Ahmed Ghassemi, the Iranian arrested in Manchester on shoplifting charges, on arrival at Heathrow Airport, London, last night. (Photograph: John Manning)

US pledge to keep Gulf open

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Reagan, saying that "peace is at stake", warned bluntly yesterday that the United States would not allow Iran to dictate the use of the vital sea lanes of the Persian Gulf. And the lanes would not be allowed to come under the control of the Soviet Union.

"The Persian Gulf will remain open to navigation by [illegible]," he said.

"I will not permit the Middle East to become a choke point for freedom or a tinderbox of international conflict."

He declared that the US presence in the Gulf was essential to prevent wider conflict in the Middle East. It was a prerequisite to helping end the brutal and violent Iran-Iraq war.

"Until peace is restored and there is no longer a risk to shipping in the region we must maintain an adequate presence to deter and if necessary to defend ourselves against accidental attack or against intentional attack."

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Plane dodges radar and lands in Red Square

By Our Foreign Staff

A young West German pilot who flew a single-engined plane from Finland through the Soviet radar system and landed in Moscow's Red Square was accused last night by the Russians of violating Soviet air space.

The radar system was considered invulnerable, and the plane flew over some of the most sensitive military sites in the world before landing just outside the Kremlin walls.

Finnish authorities identified the pilot as Herr Mathias Rust, aged 19, who took off from Malmi airport, Helsinki, in a four-seater Cessna 172 rented from Aeroeclub Hamburg, giving his destination as Stockholm's Bromma airfield.

It followed his scheduled flight plan for several minutes before disappearing from Finnish radar screens, and sea rescue forces were alerted. They were still searching for the plane when it landed in Moscow.

Tass said yesterday that Herr Rust crossed into Soviet air space in the area of the city of Kokhtla-Jarve, on the Estonian coast about 90 miles south-east of Helsinki.

"The flight of the plane above Soviet territory was not cut short, and it landed in Moscow," Tass said. It did not say whether Herr Rust had been arrested, or if he would face criminal charges, but said that "competent bodies" were conducting an investigation.

One senior Western analyst said the incident had "astounding implications" for Soviet defences and for the debate on how a war could start by mistake.

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A royal view of home



Actual size: the Prince's painting

The artful Prince's secret is uncovered

By Robin Young

The most modest and self-effacing picture in the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, a minute and some would say wishy-washy Norfolk landscape measuring just four inches square, will be the centre of a disproportionate amount of attention when the show opens on June 6.

The tiny gold-framed picture entitled "Farm Building in Norfolk" is credited in the catalogue to one Arthur George Carrick. It happens that Arthur and George are the third and fourth Christian names of the Prince of Wales. He is also Earl of Carrick.

The artist gives a west London address in the summer show catalogue. It is that of Prince Charles's private secretary, Sir John Riddell. Arthur George Carrick signs his miniature, as Prince Charles habitually does, with a simple "C" and the date – 87.

The subject of the Prince's quiet and understated little study, a distant view of farm buildings and trees against pale brown earth and pale blue sky, is instantly recognizable to those who know the Sandringham Estate.

The Times photographer, Mr Julian Herbert, said as soon as he saw it: "I know that place. It is Wood Farm in Norfolk, where the Prince and Princess of Wales stay when they are at Sandringham".

The Prince's pseudonymous submission is, it seems, a little lucky to have been hung in the exhibition, competent though it is.

There were 13,570 entries this year (an 8 per cent increase) and only 1,320 are finally on show. 3,210 were, in the Academy's arcane phraseology, "made doubtful", that is, provisionally accepted and memories on the selection and hanging committee have become vague as to whether Arthur George Carrick's miniature was originally one of these.

The picture may have been initially rejected, it seems, but later brought back for reconsideration when someone at the Academy recognized its royal origins. It is, Academicians were anxious to emphasize yesterday, not unusual for pictures to be recalled and judgement on them revised for all sorts of reasons.

The final decision that the Prince should have his modicum of wall-space in Gallery VII – beside a larger, more meticulous landscape of oast-houses in Kent by Matthew Alexander, and immediately below a £750 prize-winning intense green watercolour called "Dream Garden" by a little-known artist called David Suff, rested with Mr Paul Hogarth, the hanging committee member who placed the small watercolours in the exhibition. Mr. Hogarth was abroad yesterday. It was noticeable, though, that while

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Black child detainees freed

Johannesburg – Several hundred black South African youngsters who have been held in jail without trial since June 12 of last year have been set free over the past week, according to civil rights workers here (Michael Hornsby writes).

The youngsters, aged 18 and under, had been held under the state of emergency regulations.

The sources feared the releases were intended to make room in prisons for a fresh intake of detainees prior to the anniversary of the 1976 Soweto uprising.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu called on foreign countries yesterday to break off diplomatic relations with Pretoria if all children had not been released from jail by the end of June.

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- There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition – the weekly prize of £8,000 plus the daily £4,000.
- Yesterday's £4,000 was won by Mrs Alberta McLaren, of Islington, north London.
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Labour counter-attack on leadership

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Liberal discontent at Owen 'bias' towards Thatcher

By Philip Webster, Sheila Gunn and Nicholas Wood

The Liberal/Social Democrat Alliance is planning to revise its general election tactics amid the first signs of tension between the two parties over their disappointing start to the campaign.

Admitting that mistakes were made in the early part of the campaign by dismissing Labour as irrelevant, Alliance strategists have agreed to inject more fire into their effort in an attempt to pick up the floating vote and to direct their attack equally at both main parties.

In what some members of the Alliance's election team are calling a "new start", the two parties are planning to change the tone of their approach by moving away from an emphasis on the promotion of detailed policy programmes to broader themes such as unemployment, poverty, deprivation and social justice.

At the same time the Labour Party is planning a counterattack to switch the focus of the election away from defence on to other issues, including Mrs Thatcher's style of leadership.

The Alliance rethink comes amid indications of discontent in Mr Steel's camp over what they believe the public sees as Dr David Owen's "bias" towards the Conservatives.

Mr Steel's aides fear that what they regard as Dr Owen's "obsession" with defence is hindering their chances of picking up the anti-Thatcher vote.

One said yesterday that the campaign had revealed there was a considerable anti-Thatcher vote but it was being picked up by Labour because of Dr Owen's apparent bias to the Conservatives. It was said that Dr Owen was deterring voters who wanted to move from Thatcherism but feared that the SDP leader was too eager to prop up a third Thatcher government.

Alliance planners now accept that it was wrong to have treated Labour, in Mr David Steel's words, as being "unelectable." They admit

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Veto on proposal to end VAT choice

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister announced yesterday that Britain would veto European Commission proposals to end the right of individual countries to decide which products to exempt from VAT.

Officials in Brussels have been drawing up proposals to harmonize VAT rates throughout the European Community, a plan which would inevitably mean the end of the "zero-rating" which currently applies in Britain to items like food, fuel, children's clothing, newspapers and books.

The proposal has already become an election issue, with the Labour Party alleging that the EEC will be forcing the United Kingdom into increasing VAT. The proposals have been drawn up by civil servants working for Lord Cockfield, the former Cabinet minister sent by Mrs Margaret Thatcher to Brussels as a British commissioner.

At her daily election press conference yesterday, Mrs Thatcher again declined to give an undertaking that the Government would not impose VAT on water, gas and electricity. The Government's line has constantly been that it cannot rule out tax changes for all time, although the Prime Minister has said VAT will not be applied to food.

But she then said for the first time that she would stand in the way of plans to end zero-rating. She stated: "If the Community comes in with a Community law to change our capacity to zero-rate what we want to zero-rate we should use our veto against that."

Hecklers and socialism get a sporting chance

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

In an unscheduled fixture, the hallowed turf of Fornham All Saints football pitch was graced yesterday by the Bomb Squad. Half a dozen bulky gents complete with metal detectors covered, in soccer parlance, every blade of grass, while another poked around in the goalmouth with a spade.

Their job completed, two uniformed police officers then proceeded solemnly to patrol the touchline in the event of any crowd trouble.

It was all too much for two old boys who had been conscientiously tending their patch in an adjacent allotment in the quiet Suffolk village. Overcome by curiosity they leaned on their shovels and watched as dozens of local worthies probably more used to croquet lawns, turned up in force.

With the largest crowd Fornham All Saints has had, all that was needed were the players – or to be more precise, the player. Mrs Thatcher arrived out of the sky by helicopter and, accompanied by Sir Eldon Griffiths, she addressed the crowd in the style of Kenny Dalglish visiting the Kop.

But the reception was not as sycophantic as normal. "Keep on at the unemployment and the schools," said one lady respectfully.

The Prime Minister knelt and received a posy of flowers from a young child while a white corgi plastered with "Vote Conservative" stickers came forth to sniff the Prime Minister before being quickly pulled away.

Mrs T quickly warmed to the task. "Labour's reckless defence policies ... the economy is growing year by year ..."

And then it happened. The Prime Minister came face to face with her first heckler – and a Liberal county councillor to boot. A worried Sir Eldon moved alongside Mr Graham Jones and within seconds they were happily swapping insults.

Meanwhile the circus moved on to an electrical factory in Bury St Edmunds near by, where she allowed a vehicle with a pressure sensing bumper to hit her and stop automatically. "We Tories are not a pushover," she said.

The real purpose of her trip was near at hand. Ipswich is a socialist blot on Mrs Thatcher's Conservative East Anglia, mainly due to the immense popularity of Mr Kenneth Weetch, an extreme moderate in Labour Party terms. The town was her next port of call.

"Only one loony left – vote her out," one novel placard said as she arrived. The only sport was provided by the scrum of photographers and television camera crews.

Then it was off to Rose (not red) Cottage Farm in Rivenhall to see willow trees which are used for making cricket bats. Clearly it was a sporting day, but the Conservative who would perhaps have appreciated it most, Mr Denis Thatcher, was nowhere to be seen.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Customs officers back at ports

More than 300 customs officers resumed work yesterday after strikes which disrupted ports on the south and east coasts for much of the week.

However, union officials gave a warning that intensified strike action could follow at ports around Britain after the result of a ballot of 240,000 Civil Servants on a new phase in a campaign aimed at renegotiating a 15 per cent pay claim.

Delays of several hours were reported at most of the ports as management fought to clear a backlog of exports. The British Ports Association, which gave a warning of a rush by freight carriers to the affected ports, said: "If there is a recurrence it will be a more serious situation".

The first customs officers returned at Dover and Ramsgate early yesterday. They were followed last night by officers at Portsmouth, Newhaven, Poole and Weymouth.

Heart boy is 'stable'

A boy aged 12 was yesterday said to be in a stable condition after becoming the youngest heart and lung transplant patient at Papworth Hospital in Cambridgeshire.

David Kellaway, of Tavistock, Devon, was the hospital's twenty-fifth recipient of a heart and lung transplant. Three months ago he was given only six months to live without the operation.

He had two holes in his heart and a faulty valve that was leaking fluid into his lungs.

Fine for egg hoard

A wildlife enthusiast's collection of more than 4,000 bird eggs is to begiven to the British Museum after he was found guilty of illegally possessing 771 eggs.

Victor Deeprose, aged 42, a motor mechanic, told Totton Magistrates' Court, near Southampton, that he would hand over every egg he had collected since 1954. Deeprose, from Bartley, Hampshire, had denied six charges under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

He was fined a total of £1,200 with £150 costs.

Patients in the dark

Patients wish to have more information about the medicines prescribed by their doctors, according to a survey published yesterday by the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

The survey, by Professor Charles George at Southampton University, showed that patients also want to know how to take their prescriptions, how to store them and what to do if they forget to take a dose.



A prince returns

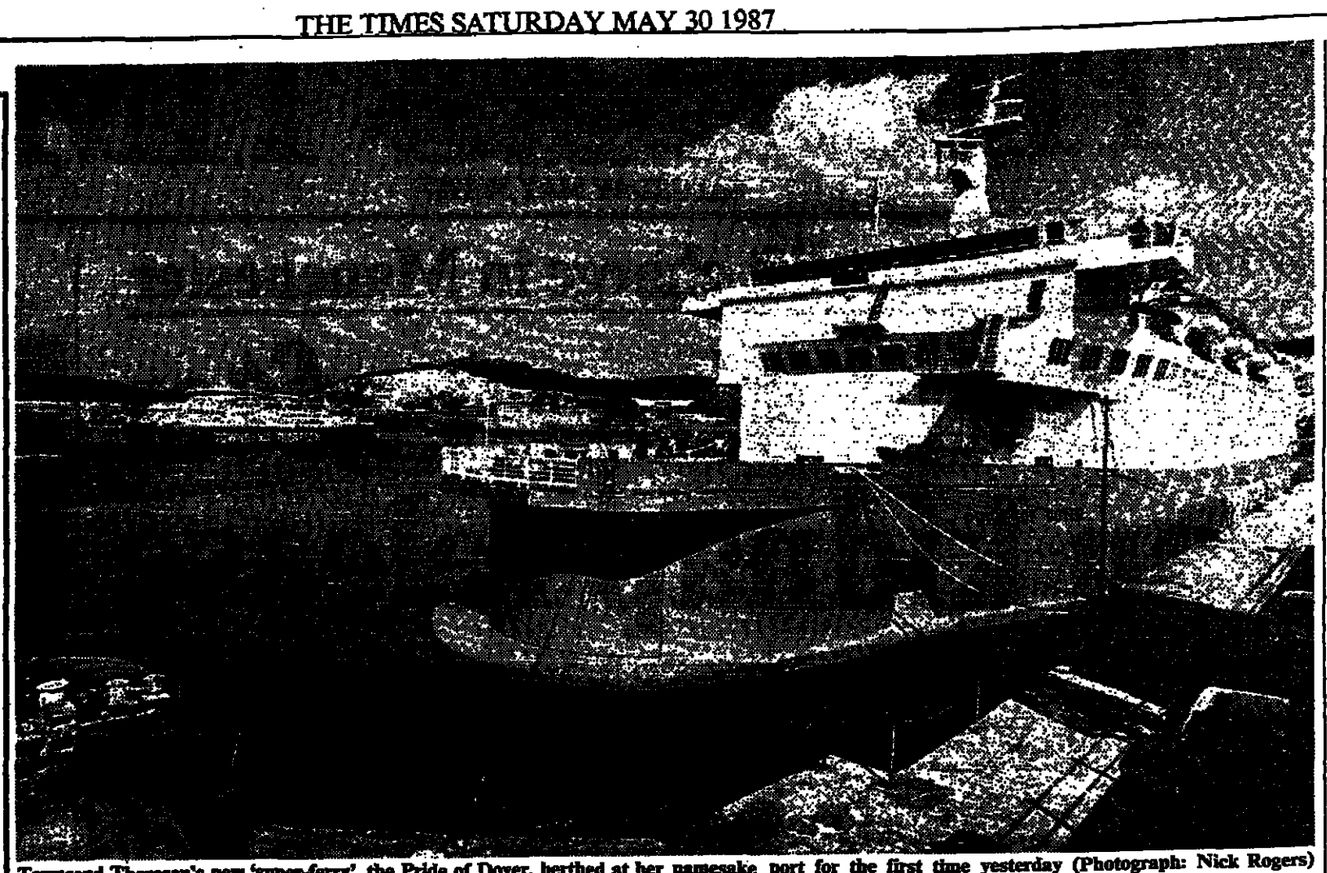
Prince Edward had his first meeting yesterday with the Marines since he resigned his commission in January, when he renewed his acquaintance with his physical training instructor.

The Prince met Colour-Sergeant Robert "Nobby" Hall, during a Royal Marines unarmed combat display, involving instructors from his former base in Torrington, north Devon.

Man questioned on killing at factory

A man was being questioned by police last night after a businessman was found shot dead at his factory in Telford, Shropshire.

Mr Barry Crellin, aged 36, of Four Ashes, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, married with two children, had been shot through the heart and several other times with a handgun. He wasa partner at BAR Refrigeration Services.



Townsend Thoresen's new 'super-ferry', the Pride of Dover, berthed at her namesake port for the first time yesterday (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

'Nobody thought enough about safety in ferry'

The chairman of the public inquiry into the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster yesterday accused the ferry company of putting speed before safety.

There was no reason why the ferry car doors could not be closed five minutes before sailing, Mr Justice Sheen said. "If cars were left behind, so be it".

But the company's counsel, Mr Anthony Clarke, QC, insisted that time was not the cause of the disaster. "The trouble was nobody thought *there was a problem*", he said.

"Nobody thought. That's the trouble, nobody thought", the chairman interrupted.

Their short exchange began when Mr Clarke said: "It's in everyone's interest that the ship should run both safely and on time. It is desirable for a ship to leave on time if it can, providing it can do so safely."

The chairman asked him: "What's the difficulty?"

Mr Clarke: "There isn't any."

Then the chairman told him: "If the ship sails at 6, the doors could be closed at five to six. They are only left open to let more cars on board."

Mr Clarke replied that the accident happened because there was no positive reporting *system; the man who* was supposed to close the doors did not and the senior officer failed to check them.

"It was not because of time pressure that nobody thought", Mr Clarke said.

In his closing speech, he said he also rejected claims made during the inquiry, now at the end of its fifth week, that the company's attitude was "high-handed".

Almost 200 people died after the assistant bosun fell asleep and did not close the doors, but the fault was a corporate one, he said.

The root cause had been that no one had given sufficient thought to the possible problems of the closure of the doors when they were introduced *on Spirit class vessels in 1980*, Mr Clarke said.

The company recognized that the system, set up by its board of directors, did not include any check of the systems and practices on board. The failure to set up such a system was a corporate failure.

During his submissions, Mr Clarke referred to the case of Mr Jeffrey Develin, a former chief superintendent of the company, who had been accused of misleading the inquiry when giving evidence in the second week. However, Mr Justice Sheen said that the court did not take the view that Mr Develin had deliberately intended to mislead it.

The first stage of the inquiry ended yesterday with an extraordinary clash between the chairman of the inquiry and counsel for Townsend Thoresen, owners of the ferry.

On Thursday Mr Clarke had complained that the inquiry had at times been conducted in an aggressive and unfair manner.

Mr Justice Sheen, the Wreck Commissioner, told Mr Clarke that Mr David Steel, QC, who has led in the presentation of the facts to the inquiry, had accepted that, there had been a certain amount of aggression, but the judge said he felt the suggestion that the inquiry was unfair "is excessively wounding to those who took part in it".

On at least four occasions the judge asked Mr Clarke if he would withdraw his allegations.

Mr Clarke said that he was prepared to withdraw but with the one proviso, that some witnesses had been examined in a "certain manner".

"Are you prepared to withdraw it unreservedly?" the judge asked. Mr Clarke responded: "No, sir."

Earlier Mr Steel had said it was inevitable and proper that an inquiry should be conducted in a thorough and vigorous manner.

On Tuesday the inquiry will consider the wider issues of *the disaster.*

Townsend super ship setting sail

By David Sapsted

Townsend Thoresen's new super-ferry, twice as large as existing cross-Channel ferries and built to "the highest safety standards", according to the company, will make a low-key departure from Dover on its maiden voyage to Calais on Tuesday morning.

In the aftermath of the Herald of Free Enterprise tragedy in which almost 200 people perished, the company has decided that the 26,000-tonne Pride of Dover's send-off should be devoid of any *ceremony or celebrations.*

The ship is equipped not only with bridge warning lights to show that the loading doors are closed but also a video monitoring system. The absence of such equipment on the Herald of Free Enterprise has been blamed at the London inquiry as a contributory factor to the Zeebrugge disaster on March 6.

Ironically, the arrival of the Pride of Dover would have made one of Townsend Thoresen's other ferries redundant had the Herald disaster not left the company's cross-Channel fleet one ship short.

The vessel yesterday plied between Dover and Calais in trials aimed at testing specially-built berths at each port which will enable the 650 cars the ferry is capable of carrying, to disembark two at a time.

Built in Bremerhaven, the vessel is due to be joined by a sister ship, the Pride of Calais, *later this year.*

The Pride can carry up to 2,300 passengers at a speed of 22 knots and, in addition to the usual shopping complex, restaurant, lounges and cafeterias, the 168 metre ferry has a functions suite for 180 people.

Fury at nuclear waste decision

By Michael Horsnell

A serious deterioration in relations between the Department of the Environment and its independent watchdog on nuclear waste disposal, emerged yesterday *amid claims that* the public is being misled on government policy.

Professor John Greening, acting chairman of the Radioactive Waste Management Advisory Committee, is demanding a meeting with Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, to thrash out its future role

The watchdog committee is furious that it was not consulted by Mr Ridley before he announced on May 1 the government decision to abandon plans to build a shallow, rural dump for low-level nuclear waste at one of four sites in eastern England.

Professor Greening said: "We are aggrieved we were not consulted in advance of the decision. The public should not be misled into believing that there is independent assessment of policy if that independent assessment is not actually occurring. We don't want to be there as a facade. We either have a real role or we cease to exist."

Mr Ridley made the announcement without consultation, within 24 hours of being told by the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive (Nirex) that it had revised its economic assessment of disposal options *and wanted a* deep repository for all but high level waste.

The watchdog committee was established in 1978 in response to the 1976 Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, which *highlighted the lack of coherent* government policy on waste disposal. It recommended a halt to expansion of nuclear power until the disposal issue had been resolved.

Professor Greening has been acting chairman since *the death of Professor Paul* Matthews in a road accident in February. The Secretary of State has yet to announce a successor.

Professor Greening added: "I can only think of two possible reasons why we were *not consulted. Firstly, the* minister did not value our opinion. That is something we wish to take up with him. Or there was a political advantage in taking a quick decision to abandon investigations into shallow low level sites."

"We were *due to meet later* in the month the minister made his announcement. As the new deep-level disposal site is not to be available until next century it was unnecessary to have acted so quickly. But these are guesses", he said.

The committee could give independent advice only if it was consulted in advance

The Department of the Environment declined to comment and said it is awaiting a letter from Professor Greening.

Heads attack all parties' policies

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

The education policies of all the main parties were criticized at the National Association of Head Teachers' conference yesterday.

Although the Conservative proposals were criticized most strongly – for aiming at a divisive system with no promise of more funding for education – the other two political groups fared little better.

Mr David Hart, general secretary, said that although *both answered demands for* more funds, Labour's policy was "thin" on ideas and the Alliance's was "a dog's dinner".

The head teachers are opposed to the Conservative scheme for schools to opt out of local education authorities, which they see as an attack on local organization and an unwelcome retun to what one head called the "incredibly outdated" concept of selection.

Mr Arthur Pendlebury-Green, the treasurer, said that neither a Labour nor a Conservative government had ever legislated for national nursery provision, a key element in the Labour proposals.

He challenged Mr Kinnock: "How can your party have the effrontery to say it will make nursery education available for all three to four-year-olds when the last Labour government could have made that provision almost at the stroke of a pen?"

Mr Hart said later that heads are aware that the Conservatives would be most *likely to recognize their own* key role, by giving them more responsibility for management and budgeting and offering them separate pay negotiations.

He added: "But heads are deeply suspicious that they are to be part of a grand plan to keep education spending down and they do not wish to be cut off from their local education authorities."

● *Birkbeck, the London* University college for part-time students, believes its future has been secured by a £250,000 loan from the university.

CAA forces pace of airline freedom

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

An airline which runs mostly charter flights has been given a licence to operate a network of scheduled services out of Gatwick on eight of the busiest routes.

*The Civil Aviation Author*ity yesterday formally licensed scheduled air routes throughout Europe by Air Europe, in an attempt to force the pace on greater liberalization of air transport within the European Community.

At the same time it granted five more licences to British Caledonian to fly to Rome, Athens and three cities in Scandinavia.

The granting of the licences will put extra pressure on European transport ministers when they meet in Brussels next month. The ministers are due to agree to relax constraints which limit the number of new airlines that can fly between Britain and European cities.

Although Air Europe and British Caledonian have been licensed by the British authorities, they still need the agreement of the foreign governments involved.

If the talks between the governments are successful, Air Europe plans to begin flying on the eight routes – to Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Munich, Geneva and Zurich – by the end of the year.

The company has promised to offer fares at least 15 per cent below those now charged by rival airlines for standard economy and business class seats on the routes, because, it claims, it can reduce operating costs by using its fleet of aircraft for both charter and scheduled operations.

The new services are expected to provide an additional 700 jobs within the airline by next summer.

British Caledonian plans to begin operations next summer, should the talks between European governments prove successful.

It said that its fares will be up to 30 per cent cheaper than existing rates.

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UDR man in second shooting

By Richard Ford

A part-time Ulster Defence Regiment soldier was critically ill in hospital last night after the second Provisional IRA assassination attempt on him in four months.

Two masked men armed with a shotgun and a pistol attacked the soldier as he stood drinking in the Castle Inn at Castlecaulfield, Co Tyrone, yesterday afternoon.

The gunmen's getaway car had been stolen earlier in the day and was found at Galbally, Co Tyrone, where four of those killed in the SAS ambush at Loughall lived.

Four months ago the soldier was ambushed by gunmen as he arrived at his home early in the morning. He was shot in the shoulder but was able to return the fire and defend *himself.*

● Mr Harold McCusker, the former Ulster Unionist MP, surrendered his personal bank account to court officials in Craigavon, Co Armagh, yesterday after refusing to pay rates in protest at the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Union 'meat monopoly' is attacked

By David Sapsted

A north London meat company yesterday issued a direct challenge to the 50-year-old monopoly of Britain's largest union to appoint its own members to jobs at Smithfield Market.

Allied Meat Importers is threatening to run its own lorries into the market tomorrow rather than employ a porter nominated by the Transport and General Workers' Union – traditionally the only way extra staff can be taken on at the country's leading meat market.

The company's refusal to take on a union man has led to a two-week closure of its Smithfield outlet and the loss of more than £100,000 in orders, according to AMI manager, Mr Peter Martinelli.

"We just can't go on losing money this way because of these antiquated, restrictive union practices. Unless we can reach agreement in the next couple of days, we plan to send in our meat lorries on Sunday with our own workforce, whether union members or not"he said.

The City of London Corporation is prepared to make a multimillion pound investment in refurbishing the Victorian market, but made it clear yesterday that a precondition was that agreement was reached between the tenants and the union on ending the restrictive practice that left the hiring of porters in the TGWU's hands. A spokesman for the corporation refused to comment on the dispute.

Mr Martinelli said he would ask for police protection for the company's lorries, but Mr Jack Beston, organizer of the union's members at the market, said last night that violence would not be countenanced in any event. The dispute could be settled by negotiation.

Music academics' chorus of anger

By Mark Ellis

A cacophony of protests against changes at the Royal Academy of Music will be voiced by staff next week who will propose a vote of no confidence in its principal, Sir *David Lumsden.*

All 160 academics, including eight professors facing redundancy, have been invited to a meeting on Tuesday to discuss proposals to make the academy more in tune with contemporary interests.

Enlisting the support and using the names of famous former students such as Simon Rattle, the conductor, Felicity Lott, the opera singer, and John Dankworth, the jazz musician, is one of the campaign planks being considered by disaffected staff.

Professors last night were unwilling to speak publicly about the changes as their contracts bar them from talking to the Press.

But one professor, from the *piano department*, accused the academy of "victimization" against established staff, who provide the backbone of the tuition, by replacing them with "glitzy" names.

A *threatened walk out by* staff and students during an address by Sir David to outline his proposals to cut courses on piano, singing and purely academic studies in favour of early and modern music, opera and jazz, failed to materialize yesterday.

The academy authorities took comfort when the college lecturers' union voted 29 to 11 against strike action and interpreted the result as a tacit approval because of the number who stayed away when 160 were *entitled to vote.*

One of those affected, a professor of piano and violin, Miss Jean Harvey, said she faced having her hours cut but believed in what the academy was trying to do, although as a public relations exercise it had been handled badly.

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Farmers union split on insurance 'monopoly'

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

An embarrassing and potentially damaging dispute has erupted within the National Farmers' Union over the right of the NFU Mutual Insurance Society to retain a virtual monopoly of members' business.

Both Mr Simon Gourlay, the union's president, and Mr David Evans, its chief executive, have intervened to forestall what they see as a serious threat to unity at a time when *the industry is under financial* pressure and relations are strained between its various sectors.

The dispute concerns Mr Harold Woolgar, secretary of the union's Isle of Axholm branch in Epworth, South Yorkshire. On Thursday, he was dismissed by the society as its local agent after he admitted forming his own agency and placing business with other companies.

It is standard practice for branch secretaries to be paid only a small salary by the union, which they then supplement with the commission earned on policies taken out with NFU Mutual.

As farming is a high-risk occupation, and as even the smallest farmer employs assets worth hundreds of thousands of pounds – a large arable farm is a multimillion pound enterprise – the sums involved are considerable.

The union's difficulty is that, although it accepts that Mr Woolgar broke the terms of his agreement, he has the support of local branch members and of the Lincolnshire County branch, one of the largest and most influential in the union.

According to Mr Woolgar, only a small amount of business, between 8 and 10 per cent of turnovers, was placed with other companies, and in some cases that was because NFU Mutual refused to underwrite a particular proposal.

But Mr Evans said yesterday that Mr Woolgar had taken "very substantial" commissions from other companies He had also behaved badly by, for instance, forming a company, Norland Fleet Units, with the deliberately confusing initials NFU.

However, Mr Evans accepts that Mr Woolgar is a good secretary, and he knows that he dare not risk a confrontation with the "barley barons" in one of the most important arable farming areas in Britain.

"I shall have to consider all the implications and I will be seeing those involved next week", he said.

Mr Graham Gilliard, vice-chairman of the Isle of Axholm branch, said yesterday that members planned a meeting on Tuesday. If Mr Woolgar were squeezed out up to 150 resignations were likely, which would effectively close the branch.

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British Embassy official freed after daylight abduction by armed revolutionary guards

Kidnapped diplomat 'tough enough to survive his ordeal'

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

"In a strange sort of way," as a European diplomat in Tehran commented yesterday, "Edward was the best man to be kidnapped. He is not only a very strong, tall man – he is also very strong psychologically. He is a very tough guy. He will be able to stand up to the trauma of being abducted."

Thirty-six year old Mr Edward Chaplin is indeed a tall man, a towering figure whose tennis playing is reputedly ferocious but whose non-diplomatic activities include collecting Victorian model soldiers.

He is a homely man, never so at ease as when he is entertaining in his embassy house by a blazing fire with his wife Nicola and his three-year old daughter Stephanie.

The family's newest baby, Tom, is only seven weeks old and had been ill shortly after his birth in England this spring. His sickness had drawn Mr Chaplin back to Britain for an extra two weeks' leave and he had only just returned to Tehran – where he has been Head of Chancery for two and a half years – to move into his new house in the grounds of the British residence compound at Golhak in the hills north of Tehran.

In one way, it was his change of home that was to be his undoing on Thursday afternoon. Mr Chaplin was driving from the embassy compound in central Tehran where he used to live, to his new home in Golhak when, in broad daylight and in front of eye-witnesses, including another Western diplomat, a Jeep-load of gunmen in the drab uniform of the Revolutionary Guards rammed Mr Chaplin's Range Rover.

He never thought of himself as a kidnap victim – indeed, save for a brief occupation of the Embassy by pro-Khomeini Iranian students in 1979, British diplomats in Tehran had regarded themselves as comparatively immune.

But in private Mr Chaplin had expressed his support for the British Government's policy of making no deals with kidnappers. He must have agreed with Sir Geoffrey Howe's public refusal yesterday to negotiate with his abductors.

Fluent in Arabic – he learned the language in the old Foreign Office school at Shemlan just outside Beirut – Mr Chaplin is also a good Persian-speaker who applies his slightly acerbic humour to his reading of the Iranian daily newspapers but who genuinely likes the Iranians and their country.

During the Iraqi air raids on Tehran earlier this year, he would eschew any thought of staying indoors but would instead march into the darkened garden outside his home and stare upwards at the anti-aircraft tracer, as it arced through the night sky.

When two British newspaper correspondents – somewhat unnerved at their imminent visit to the Iranian frontline opposite Basra – called at his home last January to drop off their suitcases while they were away, Mr Chaplin cheerily bid them farewell with the memorable *adieu*: "Have a good time – hope to see you back here soon." The word "hope" achieved just the chilling effect he had intended.

But if he was able to accept his kidnapping with his customary *sang-froid*, nothing in his career could have prepared him for it. In 1975, Mr Chaplin served as third secretary at the British Embassy in Oman – surely the safest Arab country in which any Western diplomat could live – and two years later was posted as second secretary to the Embassy in Brussels. He once described his job in Tehran as an adventure, a statement which he might choose to qualify now he has been released.



Mr Muhammad Mahdi Akhoond-Zadeh Basti, chargé d'affaire, speaks to reporters at the Iranian Embassy in London yesterday (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Diplomatic row after Tehran kidnap release

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British Interests Section of the Swedish Embassy. But throughout Thursday night and early Friday morning, the Swedish Ambassador was unable to raise any Iranian Foreign Ministry official to protest at Mr Chaplin's kidnapping.

Mr Martin Clements, one of Mr Chaplin's colleagues in the British Interests Section, spent much of yesterday morning trying to obtain help from Foreign Ministry officials.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry had earlier complained that Mr Ghassemi was arrested, freed and then re-arrested without explanation by the Manchester police. The British Government, the Ministry said, had provided no justification for the incident which was "against diplomatic regulations and the Vienna Convention" even though the Iranian Embassy in London had demanded his immediate release.

Britain, the Iranian Foreign Ministry claimed, would be held responsible for "this unlawful act". By yesterday afternoon, this curious political *demarche* had changed out of all recognition. Within an hour of Mr Chaplin's return home, the Ministry issued another statement, claiming that mr Ghassemi had been "released". It did not say why he had been arrested in the first place – nor did it give any official explanation for Mr Chaplin's detention.

Mr Chaplin, who was posted to Tehran in January, had been driving from the embassy building in Ferdowsi Street to his new home in the embassy residence compound at Golhak when the revolutionary guards stopped him. He was a well-known figure in the Iranian capital, would have been easily identifiable to his abductors but, in common with other British diplomats, never travelled with bodyguards. Despite the long imprisonment of the American Embassy hostages in Iran after the revolution, Western diplomats generally feel safe in Tehran and are accorded all the benefits of diplomatic immunity.

Mr Chaplin's seizure does bear a curious similarity to the kidnapping last autumn of the senior Syrian diplomat in Tehran, an abduction that is believed to have been carried out by the political enemies of Hojatolislam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Iranian Parliament and, apart from the Ayatollah himself, perhaps the most politically powerful man in the country.

It was Mr Rafsanjani who earlier this year offered to help find Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy who disappeared in Beirut on January 20. The Syrian Embassy official had been driving through Tehran when he was seized by armed men, who were never subsequently identified, and driven away in an ambulance. He was released, like Mr Chaplin, after 24 hours.

Mr Mehdi Hashemi, a man who controlled several pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon and was a supporter of the Ayatollah's chosen successor, Hussein Montazeri, was later held responsible for the abduction: and it was popularly believed in Tehran that the kidnapping was a deliberate attempt to embarrass Mr Rafsanjani who had earlier been involved in the visit to Tehran of Mr Robert McFarlane and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North. Mr Hashemi is now in prison, having confessed to murder during the period of the Shah's regime, but some of his colleagues may well have been behind Mr Chaplin's abduction in a further attempt to embarrass Mr Rafsanjani.

● **Minister's view:** Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign office, said last night that it would be "absolutely intolerable" if the abduction of the British diplomat in Tehran turned out to be an Iranian retaliation for the arrest of one of their diplomats in Britain (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

He said that Iran's chargé d'affaire, Mr Muhammad Mahdi Akhoond-Zadeh Basti, did not admit to any link when they met at the Foreign Office.

All for 10 socks and a purse

By Ian Smith

It appeared last night that the alleged theft of five pairs of socks and a plastic purse may have led to the kidnapping of Mr Edward Chaplin, the British diplomat.

Vice-consul Mr Ahmed Ghasemi was arrested on May 9 shortly after leaving the Arndale shopping centre in Manchester city centre.

He was charged with stealing the purse from the C and A store and the socks from Mothercare and Burtons. The items were worth £7.55.

The vice-consul was taken to Bootle Street police station where he claimed diplomatic immunity and was released by police.

Mr Ghasemi was due to return to the city centre police station at 9am on Thursday and at 8am police were waiting outside his house.

He emerged, got into his car and drove off through Manchester suburbs. He was followed and then arrested near Didsbury police station where it is understood he was involved in a struggle with arresting officers.

He was taken to the police station to be kept overnight before appearing in court yesterday.

But police sources say that later that day a telex was received by the Home Office from Tehran saying that Mr Chaplin had been seized and would be shot unless their representative was freed immediately.

Both the Home Office and Greater Manchester Police refused to confirm this but it is known that after city magistrates had adjourned for the day on Thursday, hurried telephone calls were made to two magistrates and a special sitting of the court held at 7pm. The magistrates decided he should be given bail.

Police accused of torture

By Mark Ellis

The Iranian Embassy claimed yesterday that one of its diplomats had been harassed and tortured by the police in Manchester.

However Mr Muhammad Mahdi Akhoond-Zadeh Basti, chargé d'affaire of the Iranian Embassy, said in London that the alleged incident was not linked with the kidnapping of Mr Edward Chaplin, the British diplomat.

Speaking before the announcement of Mr Chaplin's release, the Iranian diplomat was asked to comment on the arrest of an Iranian envoy on shoplifting charges in Manchester this week.

He said: "I should put it another way, the illegal arrest by police in Manchester. It is contrary to all international norms and good relations and contrary to article 43 of the Vienna Convention."

He said documented evidence of the alleged torture, which included kicking on the legs and "places I am ashamed to disclose", was the subject of an official complaint to the Foreign Office.

He repeated that there was no link between the two diplomatic incidents. "Any kind of wrong behaviour on diplomats anywhere in the world, I deplore."

The Iranian Embassy was officially closed yesterday to observe an Islamic prayer day. Mr Akhoond-Zadeh Basti arrived at the building in Prince's Gate, west London, shortly before 1pm in a dark blue Mercedes with diplomatic number plates.

He denied that the Iranian police were behind the kidnapping of Mr Chapin. "I think that in the next few hours we can expect more on this subject", he said.

Automatic jail sentences urged for crimes against the elderly

By Peter Davenport

A senior police officer yesterday called for automatic prison sentences for all those found guilty of crimes of violence and deception against the elderly.

Mr Frederick Wilson, assistant chief constable of Durham, said such sentences should be considered as part of the action needed to reduce growing numbers of crimes against old people.

He said that automatic prison sentences would act both as a deterrent to those who prey on the elderly and as a reassurance to those who live in daily fear of becoming a victim.

Mr Wilson was speaking at a conference organized by four police forces in the North-east, North Yorkshire, Durham, Northumbria and Cleveland, which have all experienced heavy increases in crime, with acts of violence against the elderly "the most worrying and frightening".

The seminar, held in Cleveland where crimes against the elderly increased by 31 per cent in two years, was attended by police, Home Office officials and 120 representatives from social services and agencies involved in caring for the aged.

Mr Wilson also said that although £100 million was spent last year on providing legal aid for those accused of crimes there was no system to provide financial help for those victims wanting to pursue actions for compensation. That too should be considered.

He suggested that courts should investigate the financial circumstances of victims as well as the means of those convicted, when considering possible compensation.

Mr Wilson said that although statistics would argue that the old, as well as the very young, were among those groups least likely to become victims of crime, they were less able to defend themselves. The effects when they were attacked or robbed could be severe, physically and psychologically.

Offences of deception and fraud against old people were particularly despicable, with many losing their entire life savings. Official figures hid the real scale of the problem, because many victims were afraid of public ridicule by admitting they had been taken in by a bogus official, often posing as a representative of gas or electric boards or local councils.

Short, sharp and automatic prison sentences for such offences would act as a deterrent.

The conference, which also detailed advice for the elderly in protecting themselves and their property, was told that the Home Office would soon issue a booklet on how they can avoid becoming victims of crime.

The four police forces who jointly organized yesterday's conference are to study suggestions made by delegates to see if initiatives can be launched to help to cut back the growing crime figures.

Waite still alive says church

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The common thread of all reports from the Middle East concerning Mr Terry Waite is that he is still alive, a spokesman for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said yesterday.

The archbishop had "an enormous network" of contacts in the region, and he and his staff had heard nothing to suggest otherwise.

The spokesman was commenting on reports in the Press, which claimed that senior Church of England figures believed Mr Waite was dead.

Lambeth Palace staff were said to be aware of no senior church figure who believed that.

Only a small number of people close to the archbishop have been privy to the mass of information, much of it confidential, which has flowed his way since Mr Waite's disappearance in Beirut on January 20. They have followed a deliberate policy of saying as little as possible in private and in public.

Mrs Lena Waite, Mr Waite's mother, said yesterday: "I don't believe a word of it. I am sure Terry is alive and well and will come back to me soon. This is all so terribly traumatic for me, particularly coming just before his birthday." Mr Waite is 48 tomorrow.

Woman's death is linked to the pill

A woman died from a blood clot probably caused by a contraceptive pill, an inquest was told yesterday.

Dr John Guthrie, a pathologist, said that Pamela Ann Ibbett, aged 24, had died from a blood clot in a vein caused by the presence of oestrogen, which is found in the pill.

Mr Tim Milligan, the mid-Hampshire coroner, said that he had discussed the case with a gynaecologist, who described it as "rank bad luck".

The inquest was told that Miss Ibbett, a personal assistant at Morgan Grenfell in the City, did not suffer from any serious illness but towards the end of last year had complained of breathlessness.

Mrs Rosemary Angel, her next door neighbour at Eastleigh, Hampshire, said that Miss Ibbett had gone to her on January 22. "She was breathless and asked me to call an ambulance."

She had then collapsed on the floor and was dead within minutes, before the ambulance had arrived, Mrs Angel said.

The inquest at Eastleigh was told that Miss Ibbett, who lived with her boy friend, an architect, had been taking the pill regularly for six months before she died.

Mr Milligan said: "The most likely cause of this totally untimely death is the pill. But the proof is not absolute; so I record an open verdict."

Heart man collapses in cell

A heart transplant patient collapsed in a court cell yesterday minutes after his lawyer said that he could die if not freed to continue vital medical treatment.

Mr Terrence Cox, aged 44, a musician and song-writer, arrested after a drugs raid at a Bayswater house, was taken by ambulance to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, under police guard, after the incident at Marylebone Court.

His lawyer had said: "I understand that unless he has the opportunity to attend regularly at Harefield Hospital for the treatment he requires there is the possibility that he will die".

But the magistrate, Mr Quentin Campbell, told Mr Cox: "It is with great regret that I feel unable to grant you bail".

Miss Belinda Pearce, for the prosecution, had not objected to bail with conditions.

Mr Cox is charged with carrying 67.2 grams of cocaine worth about £4,000 with intent to supply, on May 27. He is further charged with having 3.51 grams of the drug on December 23 1982, and failing to appear at court on March 1, 1984.

Mr Cox, who had his heart transplant operation at Harefield almost a year ago, had been due at the hospital on Thursday. His lawyer explained that he had to have special drugs, stick to a strictly controlled diet and have weekly blood tests.

Detective sent for trial on secrets charge

A detective accused of illegally taking secret information from the police national computer was yesterday comitted on bail for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

Det Constable Kenneth White, aged 37, of Watkinson Road, Holloway, north London, is charged under the Official Secrets Act with passing on details of criminal records and car numbers to a former private detective, Mark Malloy, of Battersea.

Judge warns of 'liquid gold'

A judge said yesterday that a new drugs craze among teenagers could lead to murder.

Judge Hazan urged Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, to take action to stop the over-the-counter sale of the drug amyl nitrate.

He was speaking at the Central Criminal Court after sentencing a shop assistant, aged 19, to five years' youth custody, when he admitted attempting to murder his schoolgirl lover, aged 14, and having unlawful sexual intercourse with her.

An order was made prohibiting any identification of the victim.

The youth had been sniffing amyl nitrate shortly before he slashed the girl's throat, stabbed her in the neck, chest and arms and then attempted suicide by cutting his wrists. She had ended their affair on the order of her parents, the court was told.

The Judge revealed that amyl nitrate is freely available at sex shops and is known as "liquid gold."

The drug is widely used as a sex stimulant, producing rapid heartbeats.

"It can enhance and intensify any feelings, good or bad and produces a sense of power in those who take it," the judge said.

He told the court that the National Campaign Against solvent abuse had warned of the dangers and added: "I want to draw the Home Secretary's attention to this pernicious substance so that sales can be regulated and controlled."

Killer of scrap man 'shot wrong victim'

By Howard Foster

Detectives investigating the murder of a scrap dealer shot outside a public house in south London now believe the killer may have attacked the wrong man.

Mr Eddie Roberts, aged 34, of Goodhart Way, West Wickham, south London, died outside the Canterbury Arms in Sumner Road, West Croydon, on Thursday.

Inquiries shows that the dead man's finances were "robust". He dabbled in the sale of second hand cars but made little profit and had no links with the south London gambling or drugs scene.

Det Supt Robert Chapman, who is leading the inquiry, said: "It does not seem to be a gangland killing and we have to consider that Mr Roberts was not the intended victim."

Mr Chapman added, of the shooting: "This was not the mark of a professional."

Mrs Joan Weller, the dead man's mother-in-law, said yesterday: "He was the kindest and most generous father in the world and I don't know of any enemies he had."

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The oily secret of Dagenham exports

By Andrew Morgan

Britain, not normally known for its Mediterranean climate, has become one of Europe's leading exporters of olive oil.

In February alone this rain-swept land exported 28,000 tonnes of golden olive pressings.

Sadly, this was not the result of a torrid summer in Dagenham, east London, the centre of the trade. The reality is that continental merchants are exploiting an EEC loophole by exporting bulk olive oil from Spain to the UK and then immediately re-exporting it to Italy, where there is a shortage.

One insider told *The Times* yesterday how the trade chain starts in Malaga, where ships of up to 8,000 tonnes are loaded with olive oil.

It is then taken to the Thames Terminal at Dagenham where it is unloaded and kept in tanks for 24 hours, to cover EEC regulations. The oil is then shipped out to Italy.

The tanks are close to the Ford car factory and are said to have covered the Dagenham vicinity with a welcome Mediterranean odour.

A few British brokers are thought to benefit from the clandestine trade. But insiders suggest middle men in the southern Mediterranean, particularly Marseilles, are taking most from the new oil web.

Some sources suggest the Italians are bottling the Spanish oil, which is generally cheaper and poorer quality, putting on "Produce of Italy" labels and then exporting it to fool the food enthusiasts of California.

The European triangle grew after Spain joined the EEC last year. Taxes are higher for shipping the oil directly from southern Spain to Italy. Last November, sterling's fall against EEC currencies combined with lower levies for oils shipped via the UK made the triangle a profitable network.

In addition, by shipping the oil via Britain and Italy, and relabelling it, the problems of Spanish olive oil's poor reputation are overcome. The country's industry suffered from the "toxic oil" scandal six years ago, when nearly 600 people died.

EEC officials in Brussels are hoping to alter the tariffs's mechanism at the next intergovernmental working party.

The discovery of the triangle explains how Italy manages to export more olive oil than its trees could produce. However, the Italian trade office in London, yesterday had no knowledge of the olive oil emanating from Dagenham.

The trade office said: "We also have no evidence that Spanish oil is being bottled and passed off as Italian produce".

British Customs officials were also in the dark about the Dagenham operation, as was the EEC Commission in London. But a spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries said: "The trade is in olive oil is being distorted because of monetery compensation allowances.

"Some people will be making money but, to be honest, it's a bit complex to say just how".

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WORLD SUMMARY

Argentine officers amnesty passed

Buenos Aires – The Argentine Senate yesterday approved a partial amnesty for military officers accused of human rights violations as the Government conceded to opposition demands that all but the most senior officers be covered by the law (Eduardo Cué writes).

Some 40 officers who could have been indicted will now be free from further prosecution. But a key question now facing the Government is whether the law will have its intended effect of quelling the deep discontent that the human rights trials have caused within the Argentine military.

Test limit progress

Geneva – Five sessions of discussions here since July 1986 between American and Russian experts on nuclear testing have still not produced an agenda on formal negotiations (Alan McGregor writes).

But, according to the US delegation leader, Dr Robert Barker, Assistant Secretary of Defence for Atomic Energy, remaining differences may be resolved by the two governments before the next session here in July.

Tambo's problem

The president of the African National Congress, Mr Oliver Tambo, admitted yesterday that the movement's exiled leaders had little direct control over guerrilla operations in South Africa (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Speaking to reporters at a press conference in London, he said: "We are too far away to say do this and do that. They have means to act inside the country." But he added that the ANC condemned "necklacing."

Girl accused of spying

Harare – A frightened 14-year-old white girl with her face swollen, apparently from repeated slapping in a cell in a notorious Zimbabwean jail, has been accused of being a spy in league with rebel guerrilla movements (Jan Raath writes).

Miss Lisa Spalding, a Briton, who is being held in Bulawayo's Stops Police Camp, was the centre of intense diplomatic and legal activity to secure her release, following her arrest and alleged assault on Thursday by officers of the undercover Police in Internal Security Intelligence (PISI). She and a friend were arrested after they had gone in search of their mothers, who had been taken into custody on Tuesday. Her friend was later released. Both girls are resident in Zimbabwe.

Basques' trial opens

Madrid – The trial of four Basques accused of terrorist crimes while members of an Eta commando unit proceeded in their absence yesterday before the Bilbao High Court after they refused stormily to recognize the court's jurisdiction (Richard Wigg writes).

Leaving office

Madrid – Señor Julio Feo, right-hand man to Señor Felipe González, Spain's Prime Minister, is to resign at his own wish shortly, it was announced yesterday (Richard Wigg writes).

Señor Feo has headed the Prime Minister's office since December, 1982.

Shin Bet inquiry

Jerusalem – Israel's Attorney-General, Mr Yosef Harisah, has ordered a police inquiry on a Shin Bet security service agent who perjured himself in securing the conviction of a former Army officer on trumped up charges of treason and espionage (David Bernstein writes). The move is being opposed by the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir.

A lawyer for former Lieutenant Izat Nafsu said he was dissatisfied with the scope of the police inquiry.

Pact talks offer fails to move Nato

From Christopher Walker
East Berlin

East-West differences on conventional arms control were aggravated yesterday when Nato sources in Berlin dismissed a call issued at the end of the Warsaw Pact summit for a new round of negotiations between the two alliances to start this year.

The summit also implicitly rejected Western calls for the removal of the 26-year-old Berlin Wall by asserting that peace and co-operation in Europe were conditional on "respect for the territorial and political realities existing on this continent".

The Eastern bloc call for new talks was announced by Dr Herbert Krolikowski, the outgoing Warsaw Pact Secretary-General, during a press conference in which he was accused by angry reporters of rejecting the policy of *glasnost* by refusing to reveal any details of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's keynote address to the summit.

Dr Krolikowski said a formal invitation would be issued to Nato to open new talks designed to eliminate imbalances in conventional forces in Europe – where the West is at a three-to-one disadvantage – and to discuss the military doctrines underpinning the two alliances.

In an interview with *The Times*, a Nato source dismissed the move as a propaganda ploy which was unlikely to receive any favourable response in Brussels.

He contemptuously rejected claims by the Warsaw Pact leaders in their 14-page final communiqué that the doctrine behind their alliance was purely defensive as opposed to the aggresive aims they alleged characterized Nato.



With clenched fist and a broad smile, Mr Gorbachov returns the crowd's greetings outside the East Berlin conference hall.

The heated British election debate on defence was brought in when the Warsaw Pact leader was asked by a Buddhist monk who had somehow gained access whether the communist forces would "occupy" Britain if a future Labour government abandoned its nuclear deterrent. Dr Krolikowski avoided a direct answer, referring the questioner to accounts of Mrs Thatcher's talks in Moscow.

The complete failure of the two-day summit to produce any other initiative on conventional weaponry beyond the invitation to new talks was seen as reflecting concern at the Nato defence ministers' decision earlier this week to raise spending on conventional weapons by 3 per cent.

Western security experts said Mr Gorbachov had used the summit to boost the image of Eastern bloc solidarity on defence issues, in contrast to its disunity on his reform programme. Some of the old guard in the other six member states – Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania – have staunchly resisted any idea of social change.

In the key section of the communiqué, the summit declared its willingness to redress the "asymmetric structures" of the armed forces in Europe, without making any specific suggestions on how this could be done. Soviet officials repeatedly rejected Nato's claim of communist superiority in this field.

There had been hopes in the West that the summit might produce a new initiative on conventional forces which would have eased fears inside Nato about accepting the "double zero" option.

However, the communiqué revealed no change in the Eastern bloc approach to nuclear arms talks. This reinforced the conviction that Moscow and Washington would soon agree to a pact eliminating medium-range missiles from Europe.

ANC target in Maputo raid

From Michael Horusby, Johannesburg

South African commandos were alleged to have killed three people in attacks on four houses in the well-to-do Polana district of Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, early yesterday.

A spokesman for the South African Defence Force (SADF) in Pretoria fended off, rather than denied, the reports, saying that SADF was "not prepared to comment on unsubstantiated allegations of involvement in incidents in Mozambique".

According to the semi-official Mozambique news agency, the attacks were carried out simultaneously by several groups of men travelling in cars. The raiders later destroyed their vehicles near the beachfront and escaped by boat. The agency described the raid as the first direct attack on Mozambique by South Africa since the two countries signed the Nkomati non-aggression accord in 1984.

One of the houses attacked, the agency said, contained the offices of the outlawed African National Congress, the main guerrilla group fighting against white rule in South Africa. No one was injured.

A Lisbon news agency reported that the raiders also attacked the home of Mr Antonio Pateguana, the brother-in-law of Mozambique's Chief of Staff, and shot him and his wife dead. The third person killed was said to be their nightwatchman.

There was speculation here that the raids might have been a response by Pretoria to the ANC's announcement the previous day from its headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, that its agents detonated the car bombs outside the Johannesburg Magistrates' Court on May 20 that killed four white policemen.

Cuban general 'biggest catch US ever had'

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A high-ranking Cuban Air Force officer has defected to the United States by flying a small plane with his wife and three children on board to the Key West Naval Air Station in Florida.

Brigadier-General Rafel del Pino Diaz is the highest-ranking Cuban officer ever to have defected to the US. The Justice Department said he was deputy chief of staff of the Cuban Defence Ministry and former chief of the Cuban Air Force.

A senior official said that "it could easily be the biggest Cuban intelligence catch we've ever had".

Del Pino's twin-engined Cessna plane, a military trainer aircraft, arrived at Key West on Thursday afternoon after he had identified himself to aviation authorities monitoring airspace near the base. He and his family were immediately given protection by the FBI.

Immigration officials refused to reveal his whereabouts.

Iran hint of free passage in Gulf

From Robert Fisk
Manama, Bahrain

Whether by chance or design, Washington's decision to postpone its plan to extend US naval protection to Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf was followed yesterday by a statement from President Ali Khamenei of Iran, who said his country was ready to co-operate with other nations to keep the Gulf open for free navigation and the flow of oil.

But nothing Mr Khamenei says should be taken at face value. As the Iranians know full well, it was Iraq which started the tanker war by attacking Iranian vessels.

The Iranian promise of free navigation therefore depends upon an Iraqi agreement to end the tanker war – something President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has no intention of doing. Indeed, the only optimism that the Arab Gulf countries might have been able to nurse yesterday came from reports of a draft agreement between Washington and Baghdad to prevent further Iraqi attacks on US ships.

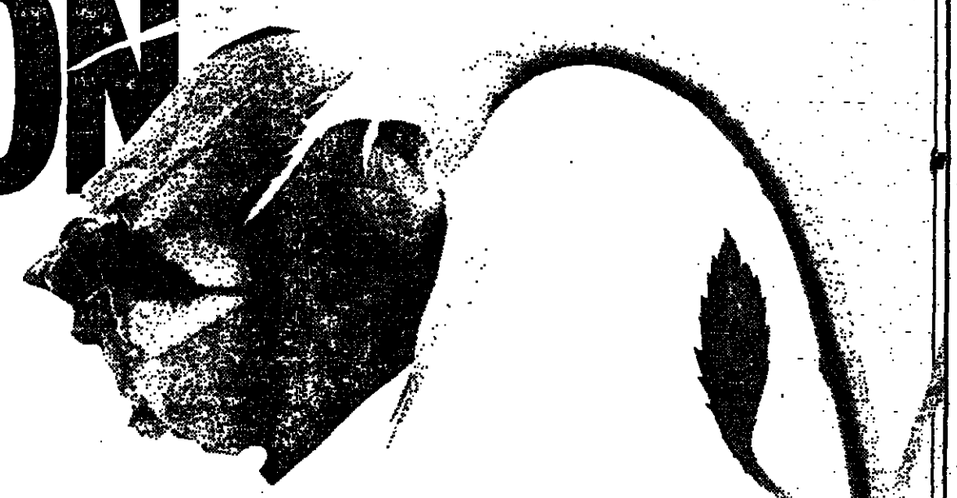
The American team which has been in Baghdad to investigate the Iraqi missile attack on the frigate Stark drew up the prevention plans with the Iraqi Defence Ministry.

President Khamenei's statement, which was part of an address to mark the end of Ramadan, also promised that while the war to overthrow the President of Iraq would continue, "the war in the Persian Gulf can come to an end."

But he refused to allow any role for the two superpowers in the Gulf whose presence constituted "a present and close danger." Those who had already interfered there, he said now regretted it.

President Reagan approved a detailed plan yesterday to protect US flag vessels and warships in the Gulf after receiving a detailed briefing from his senior military advisers (Christopher Thomas writes from Washington). Under the plan three or four Kuwaiti tankers will be escorted by US warships every seven to 10 days through the Gulf.

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Sri Lanka seeks tanks to help army root out rebel Tamil strongholds

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

As 3,000 Sri Lankan troops battled for the fourth day yesterday to regain control of a strip of territory in the north-east of the Jaffna peninsula, a military official disclosed that the Government was negotiating to buy light tanks.

The Government's official spokesman, Professor Tilak Ratnakara, said that the army had not yet fully occupied the town of Velvettiturai. The two principal columns of troops advancing towards each other to encircle the Vadamaratchchi island also had still not made contact.

It was clear, however, that the troops, in two brigades were now dominating the area, something which they have not done for almost two years.

The brigadeshave suffered further casualties from mines and booby traps, the spokesman said. Another four soldiers died in the past 24 hours.

Professor Ratnakara admitted that 20 civilian bodies had been found by the forces, but the Tamil exile organizations in south India claimed yesterday that 1,000 civilans have been killed.

Reacting to the growing account of civilian deaths and to a visit from the Tamil Nadu chief ministr, Mr M. G. Ramachandran, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian prime minister issued a fierce statement calling for a halt to what he described as "the calculated slaughter of thousands of Sri Lankan citizens by their own government".

Mr Gandhi urged the international community to "impress on the Sri Lankan authorities the imperative need for restraint".

Perhaps fearing possible Indian intervention, and also to give themselves an added weapon against the well dug-in separatist rebels the Sri Lankans are negotiating to buy tanks, according to a senior official.

Reports from Jaffna suggest that as much as three-quarters of the population of the town has moved away from the once busy centre to more rural areas, hoping to escape what is seen as an inevitable military assault through the narrow streets.

The townspeople's fear has been encouraged by probing attacks by the Sri Lankan Army based in the old Dutch fort which have overthrown at least one of the big earthworks built recently by the separatist Tamil guerrillas, together with bombing and strafing of some of the city's buildings.

It is also the view of a number of observers in Colombo that the assault on the town is inevitable because of its symbolic value to the Government and armed forces.

However, the minister who is largely responsible for the armed forces, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, insists that at present their task is much more limited. He said that the strikes in Jaffna were only diversionary, and that the present objective was to secure the Vadamatchchi division, which is the heartland of the leaders of the largest rebel group the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Having taken Vadamatchchi, Mr Athulathmudali indicated, there would be a pause, while each side considered its next move.

It seems likely that the armed forces would regroup in preparation for a new stage in their bid to control the peninsula. The Tamil rebels will also regroup, and will no doubt look to India for assistance in doing so.

The Sri Lankan Government expects that the pause will also give time for the rebels to make an overture for peace.



South Korea's leading spycatcher, Superintendent-General Park Cho-won (left) and two of his senior staff, Yu Jong-bang (centre) and Park Won-taek (right) who have been arrested in connection with the death of a student.

Seoul students riot over 'torture' case

Seoul (Reuter) – About 10,000 students demonstrated across South Korea in protest at a police cover-up over the torture and killing of a student activist in January.

Witnesses said thousands of riot police cordoned off a park in central Seoul as student leaders called for a major rally.

Elsewhere in the capital hundreds of radical students hurling tear-gas battled with police.

The protests flared up after the government announced the arrest of the nation's leading spycatcher, and two other senior police officers.The three allegedly conspired to minimize the reported number of police involved in the killing.

Witnesses said the protesters, accusing the government of regularly torturing dissidents, demanded the resignation of President Chun Doo-hwan.

They called on him to reverse his decision to shelve electoral reforms until after the Seoul Olympics next year, by which time President Chun's successor will have been chosen by an electoral college.

State prosecutors told reporters yesterday that the head of an anti-communist police unit, Superintendent-General Park Cho-won, and two of his staff, had admitted ordering two police officers to take sole responsibility for the killing.

The prosecutors said Park Choong-chol was suffocated when his throat was crushed against the rim of a bathtub while being questioned.

The superintendent-general and his colleagues were charged with protecting criminals and neglecting their duty.

Because of the scandal President Chun this week fired the Prime Minister, three other top Cabinet ministers, the national police chief and the head of intelligence.

Goa delay as former leader dies

Goa (Reuter) – Celebrations marking the accession to Indian statehood of the former Portuguese colony of Goa were postponed after the death of the former prime minister, Mr Charan Singh.

Officials said Goa would still formally become India's 25th state last night, and that the new governor and ministers would be sworn in today as planned.

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Poison wine

Hong Kong (Reuters) – Three men have been arrested after more than 30 people died and nearly 500 were poisoned after drinking wine adulterated with methanol at a factory in the Chinese town of Nanning.

Parole denied

Soledad, California (Reuter) – Sirhan Sirhan, the assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy, has been denied parole for the ninth time by the California Board of Prison Terms.

Paper blast

Bangkok (AFP) – An explosion rocked the printing plant of the *Daily Mirror* newspaper here, but no injuries were reported.

Police pay

Lima (AP) – The Government has ordered pay rises for Peruvian police, who staged a four-day strike last month.

Fiji 'almost back to normal'

Ganilau plea for end of food ban

Suva (Reuter) – Fiji's Governor-General, declaring the country almost back to normal after the military coup, yesterday urged Australian and New Zealand unions to lift a trade embargo threatening food supplies.

The official Consumers Council said supplies of imported fresh vegetables would last no more than a week, while wheat stocks are so low that supermarkets are rationing purchases of flour to one 4lb packet per customer.

The Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, told reporters that he had met the Australian and New Zealand ambassadors here to urge them to do everything possible to get the trade embargoes lifted.

Australian and New Zealand shipping unions banned the export of goods to Fiji in protest against the May 14 overthrow of the left-leaning coalition of Dr Timoci Bavadra.

In the aftermath of the coup, the first in a Pacific state, the country's vital tourist industry has been crippled, and protests against the takeover have delayed harvesting of sugarcane. Sugar and tourism are Fiji's two main foreign exchange earners.

The main protests have been in the west of Fiji's main island of Viti Levu, the stronghold of Dr Bavadra.

Dr Bavadra's administration gave Indians a majority in government for the first time since independence from Britain in 1970.

Fiji's population of 714,000 is almost equally divided between indigenous Fijians, who own most of the land, and the Indians who came here in the last century to work on the sugar plantations. Indians now control much of the business.

Ratu Ganilau said Fiji was now calm and had almost returned to normal. He described the arrest on Thursday of three leading Indians, including the ousted Finance Minister, Mr Mahendra Chaudhry, as an "isolated case."

He had ordered their release as soon as he heard about the incident, he said.

Sir Vijay Singh, the chief executive of the Sugar Cane Growers' Council, told reporters he was arrested at gunpoint and accused of holding meetings to discuss the protest closure of shops and schools. He said the allegation was totally untrue.

The Governor-General yesterday promoted the coup leader, Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, to the rank of full colonel and head of the country's 2,700-strong Army.

Ratu Ganilau has also granted Colonel Rabuka an amnesty for his action in staging the coup.

The Government issued a statement yesterday saying that Fiji was being run by the Governor-General and his interim group of advisers, and that it was therefore incorrect to call it a "military regime."

Ratu Ganilau has promised new elections within six months, but he said yesterday it could take longer. Colonel Rabuka has said he believes the state of emergency will last 16 months, and wants the constitution changed to favour the ethnic Fijians.

"It is my aim to get back parliamentary rule as soon as possible. How long it will take is difficult to say," Ratu Ganilau said.

He believed it was now safe for foreign tourists to return to Fiji. The United States, Australia and New Zealand have advised their nationals to stay away, and troops in battle fatigues are still on the streets of Suva.

Ratu Ganilau said the troops would be withdrawn gradually. "Their main task now is to make sure that there is no break down in law and order, and to protect the people as well as their property," he added.

Mandate battle splits Brazilian Congress

From Mac Margolis, Brasilia

A fortnight after the Brazilian President threw down the gauntlet, declaring he would stay in power for five years, Congress is still haggling over the question, and the President's own party is split.

Though Congress has the final word on the mandate, Senhor José Sarney upstaged legislators two weeks ago when he announced his intention to leave office only in 1990. A major block of Congress and a solid majority in opinion polls have called for an abbreviated four-year term with presidential elections next year.

The rift appears to have worked in favour of Senhor Sarney, at least for now. Since his speech, several Government officials who publicly favoured a shorter mandate have been let go. The Minister of Agrarian Reform quit in protest and a federal tax inspector, allied with the "progressives", was fired half an hour after he swore the oath of office.

Senhor Ullyses Guimarães, the Party President, mustered Conservatives behind the President for a battery of meetings at his palatial residence here.

At the same time, left-leaning members of the Brazilian Democratic Movement Party (PMDB) have huddled around the powerful São Paulo senator, Senhor Mario Covas, who has called for a four-year mandate.

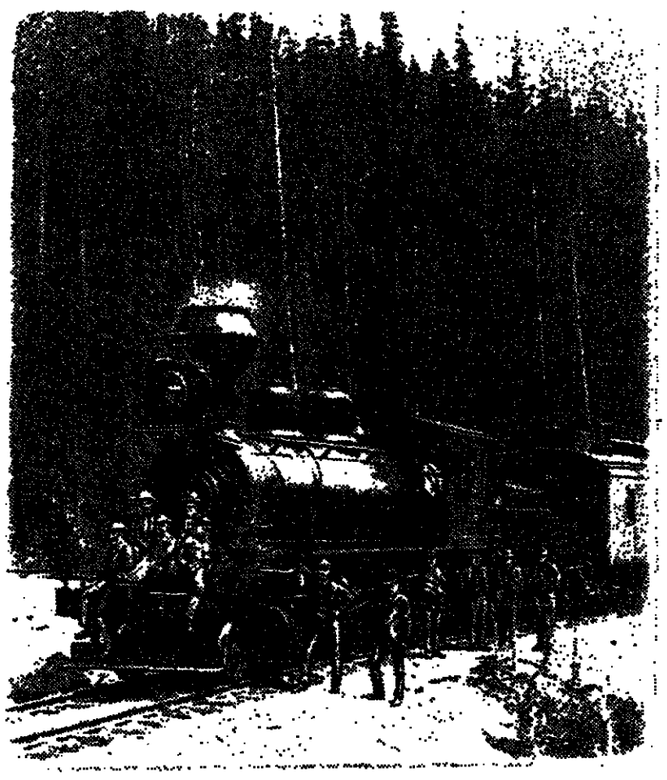
The rest of Congress is fractured into more radical factions who call for everything from a mandate of six years to immediate elections for President.

The volatile debate has so far produced more heat than light. Congress has completed a first draft of the new constitution, which establishes a five-year presidential term – but only for Senhor Sarney's successor. The controversy is likely to smoulder on for several weeks, but Senhor Sarney seems resolved not to wait for the smoke to clear.

So emboldened was the President after his speech that he fiercely defended exorbitant public works projects despite a hail of opposition. Senhor Sarney's pet project is the £2.5 billion north-south railway slicing through a thousand miles of backlands between Brasília and his home state of Maranhão.



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Pensioners get Labour promise of an £8 rise

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Neil Kinnock set out a package of pledges yesterday designed to woo the retirement vote. He and Mr Michael Meacher, *Labour's chief* spokesman on health and social security, bitterly attacked the Government's record on pensions.

Labour has been worried by private polls showing its support faltering among the over-55s in the key seats it needs to win to have a chance of power on June 11, and in Norwich yesterday Mr Kinnock and Mr Meacher confirmed that within two years of coming to power Labour would restore in full the link between the rise in average earnings and the rise in pensions.

They said that the Tory Government's breaking of the link in 1980 had resulted in single pensioners losing £7.40 a week and couples £11.40 a week.

They promised that Labour would introduce pension increases of £5 a week for single pensioners and £8 a week for couples immediately on coming into government to begin closing the gap and Mr Kinnock pledged yesterday that it would be fully closed within two years of Labour's obtaining power.

Labour's other promises to pensioners included a £5-a-week winter fuel premium to be paid between mid-December and mid-March to those on low incomes, the abolition of standing charges for gas and electricity and the "phasing in" of free television licences and a nationwide concessionary fares scheme.

Pressed on costs, Mr Kinnock said that the basic pension increases would cost a little under £2 billion a year. That would come out of the £3.6 billion already allocated to the anti-poverty programme. Of the other items, free television licences would cost £340 million and the winter fuel premium £140 million.

The cost of abolishing standing charges would be passed on to other consumers, but it would only be a matter of pence, Mr Kinnock said.

Mr Meacher said that the cost of making concessionary fares for pensioners a nationwide obligation would be small. Many local authorities already had such schemes and it would be covered by the rate-support grant.

Mr Kinnock said that Labour would launch a nationwide insulation effort to improve housing conditions for the old and would ensure that the death grant adequately covered the cost of a funeral. A Labour government would negotiate with the fuel industries on the abolition of standing charges.

Mr Kinnock said that one in three retirement pensioners lived below supplementary benefit level, 500,000 unfit houses were occupied by pensioners and half of all pensionrs over 65 suffered from chronic illness.

Mr Meacher said: "Pensioners are worse off now than they were in 1979. According to the *Family Expenditure Survey*, pensioners living on their own have £3.24 a week less to spend after tax than they had in 1979. So much for Mrs Thatcher's claims that pensioners are getting *ritcher*.

"Labour rejects Tory policy which makes billionaires of millionaires and paupers of pensioners.

"The Labour Party will end these ugly and divisive values which demand that the poor be punished by ever harsher poverty while the rich need ever greater tax reliefs to motivate them."

● The anti-poverty element of Labour's priority programme would cost the taxpayer £8 billion, more than twice the declared price of £3.6 billion, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yesterday (our Political Reporter writes).

But Mr Bryan Gould, co-ordinator of the Labour Party election campaign, said that Mr Fowler had misunderstood Labour's commitments. "Mr Fowler has added into the cost a range of other benefits which sometimes move in line with pensions, but do not always do so. We are not including in our priority package these additional items."

Shirley's double act with Rosie

By Alan Hamilton

Shirley Williams sports a yellow rose on her sensible khaki dress. Rosie Barnes is in Alliance gold from blouse down to stockinged ankles. They could be a don and her daughter as they plunge about Cambridge in their modest motorcade of yellow Escort and yellow Metro.

Shirley, who has risen at 6.30 am to fly up from Southampton, professes to be undismayed by a poll in this week's *Spectator* which has her trailing third behind Tories and Labour. Rosie, who has caught the train up from London to lend support, has cheering news. "Not one opinion poll predicted I would win Greenwich. And the half-way stage was my worst time in the polls," she says.

In the Escort the entirely unaffected woman once regarded as the wicked witch of comprehensive education reflects upon standing for such an academic seat. "I do encounter from time to time members of the public who didn't like what I did to schools. But the dons don't object to me. They *still* feel guilty that they did nothing about a speech of mine in 1969 when I listed 13 ways that they could head off a Treasury attack on higher education. Now it has all come true."

She is on a tour of Cambridge welfare organizations, and the first stop is the Citizens Advice Bureau, where the staff tell her that the commonest problem they hear is the credit card that runs out of control.

They talk about high rents and high house prices in Cambridge, which the CAB staff say is the city's biggest social problem. "It makes a nonsense of the 'on your bike' stuff. It means people can't afford to move to new jobs here, or if they can they can't bring their families," says Shirley. She is keen on families, and community, and links.

Community links break down seriously at the next stop, a community centre for the unwaged which has a women-only session on Fridays. Shirley and Rosie go in but the accompanying press corps, all male, is refused entry. As they stand in the street the postman arrives on his bike; he too is made to stand outside while the women find enough change to pay for an unstamped letter.



Time for tea as Mrs Williams and Mrs Barnes take a break (Photograph: John Rogers)

Two women come out and make a video film of the reporters; it is part of a retraining project, they say. They explain that they refused to have the Labour candidate last Friday, because he is a man. The Tory, who is also a man, has so far declined to come on any day of the week. Shirley comes out to explain that several among the 20 women inside are battered wives. "Its a precious oasis," she says.

Next to a community youth project, Romsey Mill, which declares its aim on a hand-out as "to positively discriminate toward the marginalized." It appears to be about scooping up youth teetering towards the wrong side of the law. Shirley enthuses about the Cambridgeshire police policy of giving a caution to young first offenders rather than taking them to court, and says the county crime rate is falling.

Her day's programme now falls apart. She is guest at a lunch of local insurance men, an invitation she accepted before the election. She makes a brief non-political speech about the value of community links, and then has to endure *windy addresses by other* guests.

Her programme is in ruins, so she goes to the railway station to see Rosie on her train and to shake a few hands. She is greeted with universal politeness and warmth; the Shirley factor is at work.

But then the Shirley factor breaks down. She meets a little girl called Katie, who is prompted by her mother to say whom she would most like to vote for. "Neil Kinnock," says Katie with a giggle, departing radically from the script. "I thought you were going to vote for David Owen because he splashed his baby so nicely in the bath," scolds Katie's mother.

That's what Shirley and the Cambridge Alliance are. Nice. But as Baroness Seear remarked of Neil Kinnock the other day, niceness alone is not enough, even when hiring a cook.

ELECTION SUMMARY

Ridley spells out plan for council housing

Council tenants will be asked to take part in ballots if there is a proposal to change the ownership of the blocks in which they live under the new Conservative housing plan, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, explaining the manifesto proposals to give tenants the right to ask other institutions like building societies to be their landlords, said that unless the majority objected the transfer would take place.

Those who lost the ballot but still wanted to remain council tenants could do so because the new landlord would sublet back to the council those flats which did not want to transfer, Mr Ridley said.

His amplification of the manifesto proposals led Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign coordinator, to declare yesterday that the Conservative housing plan was "almost as a great a mess" as their education proposals.

Gas prices 'will soar'

Charges for gas and electricity would soar if Labour came to power, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday.

He told a meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne that Labour's plans to eradicate nuclear power would not only lose 150,000 jobs but would also mean a "roaring increase in electricity prices".

He added: "They intend to re-nationlize gas so that once again a Labour Chancellor can use increased gas prices as a means of taxation".

Party gag denied

Mrs Glenys Kinnock denied yesterday that she had been "gagged" by the Labour Party or "packaged" for the election campaign.

She described as ridiculous suggestions that she was the power behind the Labour leader and was pushing him to the left.

The idea that she was the "power behind the throne" was put about by male journalists who had failed to "come to terms with the fact that women can have strong views without being harridans".

Welsh call to Labour

The leader of the Welsh nationalists, Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas, last night urged Mr Neil Kinnock to change his policies and start talks with other parties on an anti-Thatcher alliance.

He told a meeting at Llangefni that a platform to unite the leaderships of the anti-Thatcher forces was needed.

Roses for Owen

Dr David Owen was showered with yellow roses by children yesterday when he promised "the good life" to the people of Surbiton.

The SDP leader wearing a yellow rose buttonhole discussed one of the area's big issues, grammar school education, with Stuart Reid, aged 12, and Ian Leitch, aged 11.

Labour attacks legacy of 'industrial gypsies'

Conservative economic policies have created a nation of industrial gypsies travelling the land in search of work, Mr John Smith, Labour's spokesman on trade and industry, said yesterday.

Speaking in Middlesbrough, Mr Smith accused the Government of turning its back on the North-east, where unemployment had more than doubled since 1979. "It is a callous combination of indifference and neglect. We think it's appalling that people in the North-east have got to go to down to the South for jobs, to leave their families and communities, and be unable to afford to settle in the South *when they get there*," he said.

"It's crazy to have a nation of industrial gypsies, going up and down the motorways, looking for jobs in the South when we should be bringing jobs to the people." Labour planned to create almost 50,000 jobs and 22,000 new training places in the North.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Labour had what seemed to me another effective party election broadcast on Thursday evening. It was effective partly because it was again a *technically accomplished* production, but still more because the subject was well chosen.

Health is the Government's weak spot in this election. To many Conservatives this is perplexing. They point to the increased expenditure in real terms on the NHS, to an expanded hospital building programme, to the greater number of patients treated and to the reduction in waiting lists. Why, they ask plaintively, are our achievements not appreciated?

The answer is that they are mistaking the nature of the charge against them. Of course there are the grumbles about hospital closures, waiting for treatment and inadequate resources. There *probably always will be, whoever* forms the government and however much money is spent. The demand for health care is unlimited and can never be satisfied.

But what is really damaging for the Conservatives is the widepsread belief that their heart is not in the health service. The public want strong defences and good health care. But a great many people believe that while Mrs Thatcher spends money on defence because she wants to, she spends money on health because she has to.

That may be very unfair. But the politician who waits for absolute fairness is in the wrong game. It is impressions that count in politics, and this impression *will be* destructive for the Conservatives — probably not in this election because their overall position is so strong, but later on if it is not changed.

It is not only committed opponents of the Government who share this misgiving. I have heard people in this campaign who state emphatically that they will vote Conservative, who approve of Mrs Thatcher's emphasis upon competitive efficiency, who believe in reward for enterprise, but who none the less do not have confidence in the Conservatives on health. These are meritocratic Tories who regard Mrs Thatcher as generally good for the country "but a bit too hard".

Labour candidates claim that they find a ready response when they throw in the final condemnation of their opponents — "and they don't use the NHS themselves anyway". To my surprise I have even heard some Conservatives say that they don't much approve of private medicine either.

***This does not mean that* there is any need for restrictions upon private health care, nor I believe any serious demand for such a course. But these comments do point to the political requirement for the Conservatives of a more convincing commitment to the NHS.**

They have had some bad luck. Conventional medical wisdom has called for more larger hospitals to replace smaller ones and for a more even spread of health care resources around the country. But while this may be medically wise it is politically risky.

People are more likely to feel indignant about local hospitals closing than grateful for more distant hospitals opening. *Convenience matters more* than the planners appreciate for the majority of patients

Spreading resources more fairly is absolutely correct in principle, but the trouble is that the areas which lose are more likely to notice than those which benefit. For the exercise to be politically acceptable a little more money has to be spent so that the process becomes simply one of levelling up.

If this were a closer election than it seems to be, health would be a possibly critical issue for the Conservatives. As it is, Labour is making a correct political judgement in hammering away on the subject as much as possible.

***For the longer term the* Conservatives face the task of persuading the country that they have a concept of health care which fits into the pattern of the Thatcherite revolution.**

Alliance looks to Pardoe as the campaign linchpin

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

In 1964 a young Liberal called John Pardoe came from nowhere to slash Mrs Margaret Thatcher's majority in Finchley, north London, from 16,200 to 8,800.

He achieved that partly because the local golf club had recently been caught red-handed excluding Jews, an issue the Liberals exploited to the full, and partly through organization and work.

Twenty-three years on, Mr Pardoe, now aged 52, is trying again to destroy Mrs Thatcher's majority nationally.

After some years in the political wilderness, the man who once fought Mr David Steel for the Liberal Party leadership is back heading the Alliance campaign team. His friends believe — though he denies it — that were the Alliance to form part of a coalition government he could be persuaded to return to active politics.

In Finchley, Mr Pardoe, a *former chorister, mastered* public speaking, practising in front of mirrors and using margin notes to remind him to make the right gestures. Impressed by his performance in 1964, the North Cornwall Liberals invited him to stand and, after a campaign of *military thoroughness, he won* the seat *in 1966*.

Mr Pardoe soon became a national figure, but grew frustrated with the leadership of Mr Jeremy Thorpe, whom he believes failed to give the party any clear sense of direction; at one point he told him to his face to lead or go.

In the 1976 leadership contest against Mr David Steel he was portrayed as the extreme and rather ruthless radical candidate standing against the moderate "nice guy" and, although the activists supported him, rank-and-file Liberal members declined to take the risk.

There were no recriminations. Mr Steel immediately made him his de facto deputy. *During the Lib/Lab pact of* 1977-78 Mr Pardoe, as the Liberals' economics expert, forced far-reaching changes to Mr Denis Healey's Budget and Mr Steel was devastated when his deputy lost his seat in the 1979 election.

Thereafter Mr Pardoe devoted himself increasingly to business: he is, among other things, managing director of Sight and Sound, a secretarial, word processing and language training firm which runs one of the largest YTS schemes in the country. Had it not been for the formation of the SDP he might again have abandoned politics "for good".

Mr Pardoe was close to Dr David Owen. Mr Steel hardly knew him. Mr Pardoe was excited by the idea of the Alliance and began to work successfully behind the scenes to promote it.

On the eve of the 1983 election Mr Steel recruited him as an adviser and he found a shambles.

All those who had planned *the campaign had disappeared* to their constituencies. There was practically no co-ordination between the Liberals and the Social Democrats.

Dr Owen and Mr Steel asked him to lead the 1987 campaign team three years ago. He has been responsible for almost all aspects of the national, as opposed to *constituency, campaign, from* fund-raising to advertising to overall strategy. Only policy is outside his remit.

His great achievement has been to get the two parties working as one. Trivial party squabbles have been forgotten. There is one campaign headquarters and joint press conferences.

Pardoe, gravelly-voiced and as charismatic as ever, has been working largely, but not exclusively, behind the scenes.

For the Alliance's Barbican relaunch rally this January its media advisers decided that what was needed to dispel the image of disunity following the autumn defence row.

Pardoe alone was reckoned capable of bringing that off. With a mixture of straight talk and old-fashioned rabble rousing he succeeded spectacularly, proving he is still a force to be reckoned with.



Mr Pardoe: Success through excellent organization and hard work (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Only Steel and Owen want Europe in election debate

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

To its undisguised pleasure, the European Community had been studiously ignored on the *hustings until* yesterday. Then Mrs Thatcher replied to Labour charges that the EEC would force the United Kingdom *to increase VAT*.

She said that Britain would use its veto to prevent the EEC changing Community law to restrict Britain's right to decide which goods to zero-rate.

It is the first election since Britain half-heartedly joined the Six (as they were until 1973) in which no xenophobic impulses have been dumped on Brussels.

Basking in anonymity, the occupants of the Berlaymont, the idiosyncratically shaped HQ of the European Commission, had dared to hope that never again would they be a British election issue.

None of the main parties now wants to pull up the Channel drawbridge. None has sought to use the EEC's undeniable shortcomings as a vehicle for bashing foreigners. The Alliance wears its European credentials with pride.

No one will ever know how many votes Labour lost in 1983 through its manifesto pledge to negotiate a phased withdrawal from the EEC. Even Mr Michael Foot must have guessed it was a loser. The 1987 manifesto declares: "Labour's aim is to work constructively with our EEC partners." Constructively, perhaps, but one senses not very enthusiastically. European matters rate only a single paragraph.

Mrs Thatcher seems to have changed little in substance but more in style over four years. The personal indignation she exuded in 1983 over the injustice of Euro-taxes was replaced with satisfaction following her victory the following year.

By last year the glow had begun to fade, with the European Commission trying to pass the hat for additional subs. The Prime Minster has consistently refused to pay, arguing that Brussels should cut costs by curbing the profligate Common Agricultural Policy. On this sole issue Labour pretty much agrees with her, although neither party spells it out in their manifestos. Neither has chosen to make much of the budget.

The Alliance sounds more sympathetic to M Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, and his much-spurned proposals for solving the budget crisis.

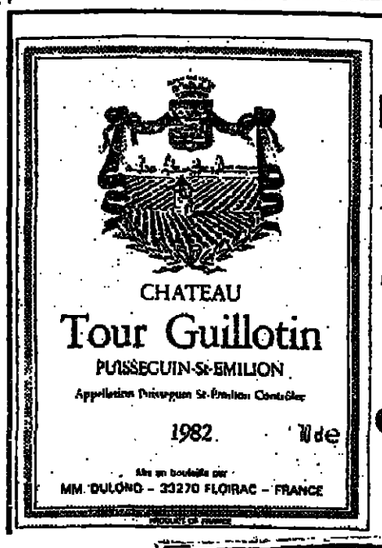
Rather surprisingly the Conservatives have given manifesto space to the very important and desperately dull subject of Europe's efforts to create a genuine common market, without mentioning that the 1992 target for its completion could also be the next election year.

Political cooperation, which really means coordination of the foreign policies of the 12, generates some interest at all party headquarters. Labour says it would reverse some of Sir Geoffrey Howe's stands, notably on South Africa. Not that it would make much difference, because the West Germans would probably block the introduction of EEC mandatory comprehensive sanctions even if the Thatcher-Howe team was not there to help.

The Alliance offers a genuinely different approach coupled with up-front enthusiasm for all things European. Given that Mr Roy Jenkins had his conceptual SDP thoughts while doing the job that M Delors does now, this comes as no surprise. A party spokesman said it would seek the evolution of a common European foreign policy — a venture which might be compared with *trying to climb a butter* mountain on a hot day.

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Campaign strain begins to show on a tetchy Kinnock

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

The strain began to show on Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday. With indications that Labour was slipping in the opinion polls under the relentless attacks on its defence policies from the Conservatives and the Alliance, Mr Kinnock *snapped tetchily* at reporters during a press conference in Norwich which he had hoped to confine to the subject of pensions.

He was particularly sensitive over his surprise trip to Liverpool, slipped into the programme at short notice yesterday without the normal advance notice.

Labour's key election television broadcast, the much praised film portrait of Mr Kinnock, highlighted his attack on the Liverpool Militants.

The last-minute insertion of the Liverpool trip in his programme yesterday enabled him to claim that he had not ducked the challenge of a visit to Merseyside while leaving Militant no time to embarrass him. But no chances were taken.

There was a heavy police presence during the half-hour he spent at the Crofton Hall Old Folk's Day Care Centre in one of the leafier streets of the Mossley Hill constituency.

But there was not a demonstrator in sight, and if there were any aged revolutionaries among the centre's clientele they were keeping their copies of *Militant* tucked well under the cushions.

Ealier in the day in Norwich, when Mr Kinnock was asked by a television reporter if it was fear of Militant reaction that had led to the Liverpool visit's being put into his programme so suddenly, he snapped: "You ought to take a doctorate in the irrelevant".

When a *Sun* reporter asked him how Labour would counter fears *among pensioners about rising* inflation under a Labour government, Mr Kinnock said sharply: "*Pensioners could only believe that* if people like your newspaper told them that. There isn't going to be *an increase in inflation.*"

When asked about the first opinion polls suggesting that Labour's early progress had been halted and that the Conservative lead was increasing, Mr Kinnock's exasperation showed again and he complained that reporters were *refusing* to pay attention to the party's chosen agenda of pensions.

On the evidence of two days with Mr Kinnock's campaign, the accusation that he has been ducking interrogation is unfair.

Mr Kinnock did not avoid questions yesterday either from *journalists* or from a panel of pensioners in a cottage community in Norwich. If anything, he over-answered. But with the press he was tetchy and authoritarian, resenting any attempt to change the subject from the one he and his party managers had selected for the day.

He seems to think he can make genuine election issues go away simply by being *rude to journalists* who ask about them.

It is a pity, because that is not the real Neil Kinnock. And as Mrs Thatcher proves almost every day, by first inviting questions on her chosen topic and opening out later to allcomers, it is perfectly possible to satisfy both sides.

In an otherwise impeccably run campaign, it seems strange that none of Mr Kinnock's team has thought of that.

In the trenches with Labour

By Allan Massie

Mr Neil Kinnock is not easy to interview, as Jonathan Dimbleby discovered on *"This Week"*. Despite Mrs Thatcher's charge that "calculated silence is the basis of Labour's campaign", he never stopped talking. Since Mr Dimbleby is also fond of his own voice, both were often babbling away simultaneously.

Mr Dimbleby directed his questioning to Labour's defence policy. This discussion centred on nuclear weapons, but battle was being conducted like the defence of Verdun. *"Ils ne passeront pas."* Mr Kinnock seemed to say, as he improvised and shifted his ground without

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yielding his point. Defence may be Labour's weak point, but Mr Kinnock is not abandoning his trench.

Away from defence, would Mr Kinnock restore rights of secondary picketing. Yes, it was in the manifesto, and did Mr Dimbleby know that Winston Churchill had supported this right because the relative strength of employers and unions required it?

Mr Kinnock kept cool under bombardment. He even raised a few smiles. But his face was straight when he said he was completely happy with all his Labour candidates: "There is no man standing for Parliament who has been more thoroughly assessed than Pat Wall." The internecine warfare in the Labour party "is suspended for the duration, not for the election".

The education of Mr Kinnock has been a picture of this election. "America" he said, "will act from its own self-interests." He is quite right: nations always do in the end. In his view the self-interest of Britain demands that we get rid of nuclear weapons. We shall see which party leader has best judged the way the British people see their self-interest.

Meanwhile, if Mr Kinnock's education progresses, poor Mr Hattersley's has been arrested. The other Dimbleby (who is having a very good election) tried to make him see some contradiction between attacking the Tories for not having, in his opinion, really cut taxes, and advocating higher public expenditure. Either Mr Hattersley did not listen to the question or he did not understand it.

However, I may be at fault in saying he has learnt nothing. He seemed at one moment to be invoking Reaganonomics, saying he would not restore higher marginal rates of tax, but would cut allowances "as Mr. Reagan has done". The world has certainly moved when Mr H speaks approvingly of the grand old trouper.

Union 'mob rule' under Labour, Owen predicts

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Labour government would *shackle* the police and allow mob rule by the unions, handing over the streets to "*Arthur Scargill and anybody* else's private armies", Dr David Owen said last night.

Speaking on a comment by Mr Neil Kinnock that Labour would scrap legislation banning secondary picketing, the SDP leader told a rally in Plymouth that Mr Kinnock "would have to handcuff the police".

"We need to remind ourselves of how ugly the miners' *dispute* was and how craven Mr Kinnock's position was", he said.

In an attempt to reverse the Alliance's poor poll ratings, Dr Owen abandoned the measured language of his earlier campaigning and said that Mr Kinnock's remarks, during Thames Televisions *This Week* programme, meant "the police, faced with picketing that turned to violence, would know that those involved would escape criminal liability under Labour".

Moreover, he added: "Mr Kinnock would rob employers and their customers and their suppliers of any *opportunities* to defend themselves through the courts against the commercial losses of secondary picketing".

Dr Owen moved swiftly on to the offensive in the expectation that the Conservatives will in the next few days switch their attack from Labour's defence policies to its plans to scrap the Government's union *legislation*. In doing so he hopes to establish a clear Alliance stance on the issue rather than be dragged along in the Tory slipstream.

His speech was clearly designed to attract wavering Tory supporters. He says that Mrs Thatcher has "a personal hostility to trade unionism" which made constructive partnership impossible, but he also emphasized the Alliance's own record in supporting Government legislation designed to "restore unions to their members".

On occasions it had criticized the Government for not going far enough. It regretted that the Government had not used the criminal law against *violent picketing* "even though the Alliance urged its use after the savage Orgreave picketing".

Broadening his attack, Dr Owen decried the politicization and polarization of defence, the trade unions, and the police.

He said that politicians had a duty to seek common ground on these issues. "The tragedy today is that one does not sense either with Labour or the Conservatives the readiness or even the desire to seek, let alone build, such common ground."

Earlier, in Carshalton, Surrey, Dr Owen said it was a tragedy that unions had been "so led astray by hubris and desire for power as to cause fear in the hearts of the very people they purported to represent".

The Alliance defended the powers of the unions to defend the legitimate interests of their members, but was "strongly committed" to legislation assuring their internal democracy.

It would introduce a framework of law incorporating most of the *Government's* reforms as well as compulsory postal ballots for executive elections, financial aid towards the cost of ballots and computerized membership lists as well as a statutory right to trade union recognition *after a majority vote.*

● The Conservatives accused Mr Kinnock yesterday of showing the *white flag again*, this time to the unions (the Press Association reports).

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Employment, made the accusation in response to the Labour leader's speech on the secondary picketing laws.

"It clearly is not just foreign aggression to which Mr Kinnock would show the white flag", Mr Clarke said. "For last night it became clear that Mr Kinnock has capitulated to his union paymasters *as well.*"

Mr Clarke said that Labour also intended to end the legal requirement for secret ballots to be held before strikes and for the election of union executives.

"That might please the militants in the union movement", he said. "I don't *believe for one moment that it* will please the vast majority of union members who have welcomed our reforms.

"They value their rights to have a real say in how their union is run, even if Mr Kinnock does not."

Mr Clarke said that all union members who wanted to see their unions run democratically would regard Labour's manifesto as "poison".



Mr Kinnock looking through press cuttings on his aircraft trip to Norwich yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

SAYINGS OF THE DAY

● *I am sorry about the cold . .* The one who gave it to me won't be getting any pocket *money this week — Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader.*

● The fight is very much on for the nature of British society — *Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP.*

● What is clear is that if a power, having nuclear weapons, was to use those to blackmail us . . . we would have no option but to surrender or to allow our troops to be totally destroyed — *Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative Party Chairman.*

● *It will be the most radical* Labour Government since 1945. The Government built the health service and restored employment. That is what the next Labour Government will do — *Ken Livingstone, Labour candidate at Brent East.*

● Pensioners today are Mrs Thatcher's forgotten generation — *Mr Michael Meacher, Labour spokesman on health and social security.*

● We are confident that . . . *Labour local authorities* are very well respected — *Mr Bryan Gould, Labour coordinator.*

Consultants blamed for hospital waiting lists

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Dr David Owen blamed consultants yesterday for the long hospital waiting times and said that health authorities should be more widely exposed to market disciplines.

The SDP leader's comments came against the background of private polls showing the public still has a hazy idea of the coalition's policies.

He was commenting on an Alliance plan to cut waiting times for hospital treatment *by setting up an internal* market. Patients would be given the right to shop around for treatment in consultation with their general practitioners by stepping outside health district boundaries.

Health authorities would be encouraged to exchange hospital services to speed up treatment, and family doctors and their patients would be able to track down vacancies using computerized data. The cross-referrals would mean money changing hands between health authorities. A district with a long waiting time in certain specialties would buy hospital services from others with spare capacity.

Dr Owen said: "A lot of the problem with waiting lists cannot be explained just by a lack of money. Quite often you will have a single consultant coming into a district health authority where there is a large waiting list."

All to play for in a robust inner-city contest

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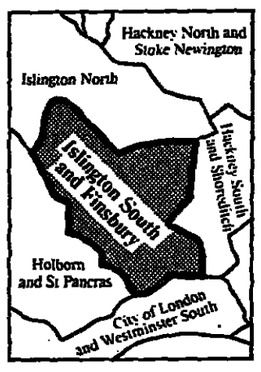
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CANDIDATES
C. Smith (Lab)
G. Cunningham (SDP/All)
A. Mitchell (C)
P. Powell (Grn)

1981 % Own occ	12.1
1981 % Loc Auth	64.0
1981 % Black/Asian	11.8
1981 % Mid cl	47.4
1981 % Prof man	13.6
1986 electorate	59,269

1983 General Election: Smith, C (Lab) 13,460; Cunningham, G (SDP) 13,097; Johnston, A (C) 9,894; Donegan, J (NF) 341; Murphy, J (IFP) 102; Stamiford, D (BNP) 94; Slapper, C (SPGB) 85. Maj 363.

Key: % own occ: proportion owning their homes; % Loc auth: proportion of council tenants; % Black/Asian: proportion from New Commonwealth or Pakistan; % Mid cl:proportion of non-manual workers; % Prof man: professions & higher management



The rich and varied life forms that flourish in Islington, north London, are reflected in the posters covering every spare inch of wall along the bustling streets.

Black self-awareness courses and Asian cultural centres; single-parent family seminars and gay workshops; pacifists, anarchists, radical bicyclists (objectives unexplained).

A five-minute walk takes you from pricey antique shops and elegant Georgian squares full of media folk to raucous street markets and tough council estates. In short, a highly diverse, vigorous slice of inner city London, with all the usual problems and pressures, including registered unemployment of about 19 per cent: hardly suprising that it produced a knife-edge finish in 1983, or that the battle this time is turning out to be decidedly robust.

Much of the heat is generated by the strident claims of Conservatives and Alliance to represent the only realistic chance of defeating Labour's *Mr Chris Smith.*

Having come so close four years ago, the Alliance naturally argues that voting for Mr George Cunningham again is the best way to do it. Mr Cunningham, it may be recalled, had represented an Islington seat as a Labour MP before resigning in 1981 in protest against what he denounced as hard-left influence.

An experienced politician, Mr Cunningham is running on his record of previous service to constituents and his conviction that Islington's traditional working class voters have had a bastiful of the antics of their supposedly "loony-left" council.

On the basis of recent local elections and current canvassing returns, Mr Cunningham maintains, it is clear that voters accept the Alliance as the true alternative to Labour.

Islington South Conservatives will have none of that, pointing gleefully to the recent Harris poll which indicates that they have leapfrogged into second place.

"This dramatic surge confirms that supporting us is the way to reject Labour extremism", says Mr Andrew Mitchell, a barrister who was also deputy opposition leader in Haringey council.

Tory canvassers report that the "loony-left" factor does not seem to count for much in solidly working class areas and the main thrust of Mr Mitchell's campaign revolves around familiar exhortations to give Mrs Margaret Thatcher the chance to consolidate policies "which have restored Britain's prestige in the world".

According to Mr Smith, the Harris poll's cheering news was not totally unexpected because Labour's canvassing *returns were already showing* a strong swing against the Alliance.

"We decided long before the date was announced to fight Islington South on national issues, and voters clearly agree this is not just a re-run of the local council elections as the Alliance seems to think."

As former chairman of *Islington's housing department*, Mr Smith, aged 34, knows the area inside out and, Labour says, is acknowledged as a hard-working and effective constituency MP.

Philip Jacobson

Battling Bills must not dismiss Labour challenge

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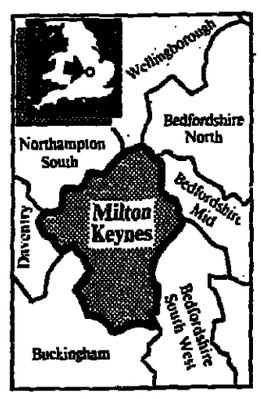
Milton Keynes

CANDIDATES
W. Benyon (C)
W. Rodgers (SDP/All)
Ms Y. Brownfield-Pope (Lab)
A. Francis (Grn)

1981 % Own occ	48.1
1981 % Loc Auth	46.3
1981 % Black/Asian	3.9
1981 % Mid cl	50.5
1981 % Prof man	16.9
1986 electorate	93,562

1983 General Election: Benyon, W (C) 26,181; Nightingale, Mrs J (SDP) 16,659; Thakoordin, J (Lab) 13,045; Francis, A (Eco) 494; Rickcord, R (BNP) 290. Maj 11,522.

Key: % own occ: proportion owning their homes; % Loc auth: proportion of council tenants; % Black/Asian: proportion from New Commonwealth or Pakistan; % Mid cl:proportion of non-manual workers; % Prof man: professions & higher management



Enter centre-right Battling Bill, alias Mr William Benyon, millionaire landowner, *benevolent squire*, convinced Tory wet and, by common consent, one of the nicest and most *unpretentious* men you could hope to meet.

Enter centre-left Battling Bill, otherwise known as Mr William Rodgers, former Labour minister, one of the founding Gang of Four, now hoping to resume his interrupted parliamentary career by winning Milton Keynes for the SDP.

This is no ordinary constituency. With an electorate of nearly 100,000, it is the second most populous in Britain after the Isle of Wight, and is a quarter as large again as it was at the last general election. It embraces the new town and a whole hinterland of small villages.

Mr Peter Gaskell, the SDP agent, is convinced that it is a two-horse race between the two Bills. But this does less than justice to the Labour campaign, which appears to be well organized, and to the personable young Labour candidate, Miss Yvonne Brownfield-Pope. She admits that one reason for the fall in the party's vote last time was prejudice against a candidate born in Guyana, but does not think her sex a disadvantage.

Mr Benyon, aged 57, is campaigning largely on his record as a conscientious MP, and is pointing to the growth of Milton Keynes as exemplifying the success of the Conservative philosophy of blending government incentives with private enterprise.

Mr Rodgers' big disadvantage would seem to be that he is very much a newcomer or, as his opponents rather rudely put it, a carpet-bagger. But he claims to have known north Buckinghamshire for many years and is a nationally known figure.

Both Mr Rodgers and Miss Brownfield-Pope are stressing social inadequacies after eight years of Conservative government. Unemployment is surprisingly high at around 14 per cent yet, paradoxically, there is a shortage of skilled workers because there is not enough suitable housing.

A rising tide of crime and vandalism is attributed to boredom among young people and a shortage of policemen. Schools are seriously overcrowded, while the single hospital, which local people had to fight long and hard to persuade the Government to provide, has had to close several wards because of inadequate resources.

The SDP has said that it regards Milton Keynes as one of its "target" seats. "There is a very strong awareness of the election here and of the significance of tactical voting," Mr Gaskell says.

But it is a very close contest.

It could all depend on which way the Liberals vote. Logically they should choose Mr Rodgers, but the imposition of a candidate from outside conflicts with the recent Liberal tradition of building up grass roots support through local issues.

Mr Martin Minns, the Tory agent, says many Liberals say they will defect to Mr Benyon. But Miss Brownfield-Pope maintains those who support the "peace" movement will be alienated by Mr Rodgers' right-wing views on defence and vote Labour.

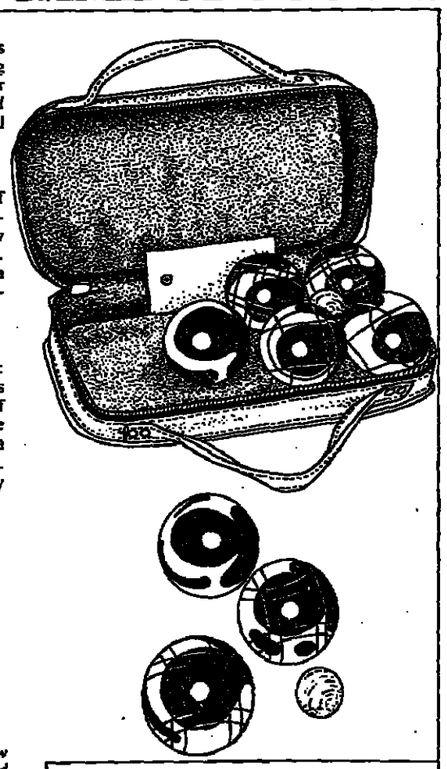
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Simon Barnes

Adams in paradise

Escrick Park didn't think their score of 140 for 7 would be enough. They were playing Millthorpe in the York Junior Charity Cricket Cup, a competition in which the sides play 18-ball overs. Here is the card of Millthorpe's "reply":

D Shaw b Adams	0
D Dodds c Walker b Adams	1
M Samuel b Adams	0
A Dorman b Biggs	2
P Bibby not out	0
K Gowland b Adams	0
D Marshall b Adams	0
M Lawson c Wilson b Adams	0
P Feavours b Adams	0
R Harp b Adams	0
J Fish b Adams	0
Extras	0
Total	3

Bowling: Adams 2.7 overs, 2 maidens, 9 wickets for no runs; Biggs 2-1-3-1.

In the following match, when bank manager John Adams at last conceded a run, a colleague remarked: "Ay oop, rot's set in." I tried to poach him for Tewin Irregulars' game tomorrow, but he will be playing for his own side in the National Village Knockout. I will be glad to hear about any other stunning cricket performances.

Smoke or fire

The Rugby League is being sued by its former sponsor, John Player, which offered a little over £400,000 for the next three years when their long-standing agreement came up for renewal. The League was inclined to listen closely to an offer from the National Coal Board of half a million. There is, however, the matter of an option clause to be resolved, hence the law suit.

● **My racing snout tells me that Reference Point is his tip for the Derby on Wednesday. It's the favourite, so I think this is rather boring of him. But he says that the more adventurous of temperament could invest each way on Sir Harry Lewis — 66-1 as I write.**

Life aid

Here is news of some wonderful new sporting products. You can now buy a take-off ramp for your windsurfer, so you can make it jump seven feet in the air and 40 feet in distance. And you can also buy a cube and mouthpiece to avoid getting Aids when giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Actually, you can't get Aids from mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but if you are squeamish about saving lives, it's a wonderful way to spend £12.

Guess who



● **Isn't this a lovely, laughing, jolly sort of fellow? The picture comes from a new and splendid book of photographs, *Cricket Impressions*, by Adrian Murrell. But who is the chap in the turban? Answer at the foot of the column.**

Wake quakes

Did you know that there is "nothing inherently objectionable" in making sailing a great *deal more dangerous*? This refreshing, if rather startling, point of view comes from George Bartlett QC, appearing for a firm, Bambergers, who want to bring ships down among the yellow-wellied weekend sailors of the River Crouch. The issue went to a public inquiry, and a decision has not yet been reached. After the inquiry had finished, an argument of considerable weight was brought to bear on the subject: an argument of 3,374 tons to be precise. A 300 ft Romanian timber ship ploughed into the marina at Wallasea, doing £200,000 worth of damage but somehow injuring not a soul. This small miracle has not persuaded the people of the River Crouch that everything is rosy. For if the Bamberger plan for its wharf extension goes through, ships twice that size will be on the river. The weekend sailors say the Crouch is far too narrow, and that if it were Cowes the plan would never have been considered.

Pound for flesh

The aces of Shrewsbury Town football club are anxious not to become bigger stars than they are already. Any player who shows up overweight after the summer lay-off will be fined £10, plus £1 for every pound over the odds. Perhaps the England cricket team should do the same thing.

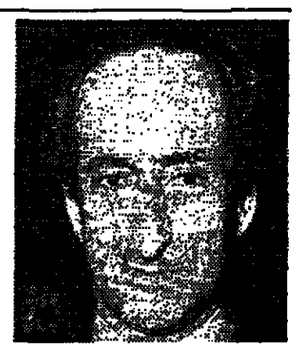
Nuts on bolts

I hear of a new pub game which involves firing a crossbow. You shoot rubber-tipped bolts (or quarrels) at a special dartboard. It is called the Bar Bandit. The game's inventor, Donald Smith, insists that the "splat" is one of its most appealing features.

The moustachioed, oriental gentleman? Geoffrey Boycott, at a Christmas party in Delhi in 1981.

Opportunity calls again

Ralph Halpern, chairman and chief executive of the Burton Group, urges Britons to cast off their shame over success and follow the Americans in wholeheartedly embracing the enterprise society



When I was a boy this small North Sea island was the world economic number two behind the United States. Then, as now, we were an inventive people. We had the flair, the insight and the vision to make one important breakthrough after another. But too often that breakthrough was commercially exploited elsewhere.

Foreign companies took our liquid crystals and put them into their calculators, bailed out our car industry and developed the aircraft we designed. Slowly, insidiously, our economy declined. No one political party was responsible. All were guilty; none knew what to do about it.

The enterprise society had yet to be created. If you have any doubts about how divided we are over the desirability of an enterprise culture, just look at the election battle being fought out on our television screens. We suffer from a national guilt complex about money. We don't really approve of it. Whoever said the British seem to prefer to fail with dignity rather than succeed with relish was right.

If we make it, we are supposed to keep quiet about it, as though success was something to be embarrassed about and locked away, a sort of family skeleton in the national cupboard. To think about, talk about or go about creating wealth is seen as letting the side down rather than pulling it up. We really should try to stop being silly about success and dog in the manger about money.

You may remember Zero Mostel's immortal line in the Mel Brooks film *The Producers* when, as the hapless impresario, he advised his up-and-coming stars: "If you've got it, flaunt it." In Britain, if you've got it, hide it. Better still, deny it altogether.

At least half our principal political parties remain diametrically opposed to incentives, to the competitive spirit in education, to self-reliance in health and welfare policies, to freedom from government interference in their lives wherever possible.

Incentives, competitive spirit, self-reliance, freedom of action — the words ignite totally different arguments, one party discussing them in terms of wealth creation, the other in terms of wealth distribution. I believe that this political Punch and Judy show has been one of the most damaging influences in industrial life.

The swings and roundabouts of one government throwing out the policies of its predecessor, only for the next one to put them all back again, create pendulum politics which makes continuity impossible. It is irrational, it restricts growth and in the end it damages the economy.

It encourages a race for short-term profits while the going's good and discourages forward planning and investment for the future in management education, a stable, high-performance workforce that talks the same language as management, and the creative development of new, consumer-led industries.

Every man and woman should have the opportunity to prosper to the limit of their ability. It is extraordinary that many continue to debate whether the very idea of prosperity is a good thing. As long as we do, the conditions for prosperity will elude us.

Can you imagine this happening in America? The damage caused by pendulum politics would not be tolerated. One reason the American system is so much more productive than our own is that political parties and unions agree on the desirability of capitalism. The debate is over which party is best capable of running the system.

Union attitudes there are epitomized by the US United Auto Workers, which argued for the introduction of robots in car plants on the ground that they would help the companies to earn bigger profits, and so put the union in a better position to negotiate. It worked. But can you imagine it happening here?

In Britain we fight some of our bitterest battles over enterprise — half our politicians and most of our unions are implacably opposed to it. How much longer will it take to realize that this ideological dogfight no longer benefits anyone, apart, perhaps, from those doing the fighting?

I am an optimist, however, believing that attitudes can change as people change. The past eight years have shown that attitudes are not always fixed. In a free society, people can be persuaded. Change is the motor that either carries you forward, or runs you over.

I have personal as well as commercial reasons for believing this. My mother and father came from Vienna. In 1938, when Hitler moved into Austria, they, like many other Jews, became refugees. My father left for Britain, arranging for my mother to follow. She travelled with a non-Jew on a false passport as his "wife". I travelled with her, although at the time I was unaware of it.

The train was stopped at the Swiss border by the Gestapo. My mother's "husband" asked the officer not to disturb her as she was asleep. The officer saw she was not only asleep but pregnant and moved on. And that, in brief, is how I came to be born British, but only just.

I am not suggesting that change born of fear or oppression is the kind of world we should live in. But I do believe that nothing in life ever stands still. Opportunities come and go, and risk taking is a vital part of living.

To look to the state, or to your superiors, to protect you from life is the very antithesis of freedom. It is the philosophy of total dependence, the negation of everything that made this country great.

This article is based on extracts from the Price Waterhouse annual lecture which he gave this week.

Michael Howard finds flaws in both Tory and Labour policies

Defence: the real issue

Nobody looks for either accuracy or fair play in a general election, and politicians who take part in them must become reconciled to seeing their words "twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools."

Nothing that Neil Kinnock has to say on defence, in particular, is likely to be charitably interpreted by his political adversaries, and over his alleged remarks about "guerrilla warfare" he was given a particularly rough ride.

His point, in so far as he had one, was not that we should let the Russians land and then harass them with partisan warfare; it was that the Soviet Union would see no net advantage in attacking peoples whose political traditions are so alien to theirs as to make them virtually ungovernable, especially if they put up a staunch resistance with conventional forces.

In discussion, Mr Kinnock cited the example of the Norwegians. He might more appropriately have referred to the Finns, a nation whose independent spirit and proven capacity to defend themselves has earned them a privileged position within the Soviet sphere of influence.

Britain might, perhaps, be treated by a Soviet Union which had overrun the rest of Western Europe with a similar guarded respect. Such a situation would no doubt be preferable to nuclear annihilation. But it is the job of our government, whether Labour or Tory, to keep us out of both.

That, however, is not the real point at issue. Nor is Mrs Thatcher's over-heated assertion that for Britain to abandon nuclear weapons would effectively be to surrender. Both lines of argument ignore one basic fact. We belong to an alliance. The security of this country, and the stability of East-West relations as a whole, depend not on the weapons, nuclear or otherwise, with which Britain in isolation arms herself, but on the strength of the alliance as a whole.

Mr Kinnock is quite correct in suggesting that Britain could make a more effective contribution to the strength of the alliance by improving her conventional forces rather than by spending more on an independent strategic nuclear capability which does nothing the Americans cannot do very much better. But Mrs Thatcher is equally right in claiming that no amount of conventional weaponry can act as an effective deterrent unless it is linked with the prospect, if the worst came to the worst, of nuclear escalation.



'I see no Soviet nuclear aggression'

Where the Labour Party's defence policy comes to pieces is over its determination to destroy the linkage by demanding that the United States should remove its nuclear weapons from this country, and implying that European neighbours should do the same. That is why Mr Kinnock's stout assertions of loyalty to the alliance are so unconvincing. The bottom line of Nato's strategy is an ultimate reliance on nuclear deterrence. Britain could pursue a non-nuclear strategy only if she were to leave Nato.

We might retain our own nuclear weapons and demand that the Americans take theirs somewhere else, following the example of the French. We might, like the West Germans, renounce our own nuclear weapons but continue to host the American; a course of action which would probably be rather popular in Brussels and Washington, though there would be precious few votes in it here. But to suggest that we should simultaneously shed our own nuclear weapons and demand that the Americans remove theirs, while still maintaining that the effectiveness of the alliance would in no way be affected, betrays on Mr Kinnock's part a naivety which Mrs Thatcher is quite right to expose.

Nevertheless, one can regret that, in exposing it, Mrs Thatcher finds it necessary to try to foment another Red Scare, stirring up atavistic emotions on a scale she may one day regret. "Of course there is a Soviet threat," she dogmatically asserts, professing herself "astonished" that anybody can believe otherwise.

Well, if by a "Soviet threat" she means that the Soviet Union is a large, militarily powerful and ideologically hostile state which sees itself locked in an inevitable conflict with the forces of capitalist imperialism, few people would disagree. But if she means that the Soviet Union has a settled intention to attack Western Europe and subjugate it by armed force the moment we allow our guard to slip, then she had better get used to being astonished.

That is not a view widely shared today among defence and foreign policy analysts, whatever the feeling may be at the Conservative Party grass roots; and I cannot believe that Mrs Thatcher herself returned from her visit to Moscow with her own beliefs on this question entirely unchanged.

So when Mr Kinnock asserts that there is no reason to suppose the Soviet Union intends to attack Western Europe, he will probably command a greater measure of agreement than does the Prime Minister in asserting the opposite. Where Mrs Thatcher is on stronger ground is in emphasizing that the continuation of the peaceful co-existence to which the Soviet leadership has reconciled itself over the past 30 years depends on the continuing strength and unity of the alliance. This should be the fundamental issue in the defence debate. The question of Britain's own nuclear weapons is significant only in so far as it bears on it.

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No immunity for diplomatic risks

Edward Chaplin, the British diplomat kidnapped in Tehran and held until yesterday, was a soft target. He was driving home with his wife and family in his own car; had he been on duty he would have been travelling in a new armoured Jaguar, bought as part of the government's efforts to upgrade the security of Britain's 1,600 diplomats serving overseas.

After criticism last summer by the Commons foreign affairs committee that not enough was being done to protect diplomats, security spending has been increased this year from £22.7 million to more than £32 million.

Tehran, like most of Britain's 207 overseas posts, already had an armoured Jaguar for its head of mission, Christopher MacRae. Had Chaplin been on duty, he might well have been driving the second vehicle.

Sir Anthony Kershaw, Conservative MP for Stroud and chairman of the foreign affairs committee, pointed out to *The Times* yesterday that it would be impossible to protect every diplomat all the time, especially when off duty.

He said the government had responded to his committee's report, which pointed out that there had been 41 attacks on British missions since 1976. "Much has already been done, but more needs to be achieved," he said.

At a cost of around £60,000 each, the armoured Jaguars, with blast-protected floors and bullet-proof windscreens, are only part of a panoply of measures.

Ambassadors' chauffeurs are trained in evasion tactics; nearly all missions, and some residences, have been strengthened; there are closed circuit television cameras and perimeter lighting has been improved. Increasingly, diplomats are encouraged to live in secure compounds. The Tehran compound is considered satisfactory with its large walls and high gates, according to Sir Anthony, but Chaplin had not reached its safety when he was intercepted.

Britain still falls a long way short of the standards set by the United States, which deploys marine guards at every embassy — although that did not protect the Moscow embassy against spying.

Apart from Beirut and a few other embassies which the Foreign Office declines to identify, Britain does not keep soldiers at its embassies. Most have retired non-commissioned officers and warrant officers on duty, but their function is mainly to protect buildings and equipment rather than staff. They are not armed.

Tehran, it seems, has not been considered a particularly high risk recently, despite the fact that Britain's presence is technically under the protection of the Swedish Embassy.

The circumstances which made that necessary are no longer considered relevant. A further point reducing Tehran's assessed risk was the relative rarity of freelance kidnapping.

But if, as now seems apparent, Chaplin was seized by a group acting with the official connivance of the Iranian authorities, then the whole question of the assessed risk will be irrelevant.

Be that as it may, one might argue that too relaxed a view was taken of the "perceived threat" globally, however calm Tehran might have seemed.

Three ambassadors, two other senior diplomats and an honorary consul have been murdered since 1979. As for kidnappings, the last two were those of James Cross, British Trade Commissioner in Montreal, in October 1970, and of Geoffrey Jackson, British Ambassador to Uruguay, in January 1971. James Cross was released after 60 days in return for the safe conduct to Cuba of his captors from an organization campaigning for Quebec separatism. Sir Geoffrey was freed by the Tupamaros terrorist movement after eight months.

British diplomats accept that some risk is inseparable from their job. One said yesterday: "Our function is to know what is going on. If we retreat into a fortress we might as well not be there."

Even if all 1,600 diplomats could be adequately protected, there would still be risks to a further 1,000 UK-based overseas staff who do not have diplomatic rank. These include clerks, communications officers and security staff.

Responsibility for their protection lies with the Foreign Office security department, headed by Mrs Veronica Sutherland, while ministerial responsibility falls to Lady Young, Minister of State.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday: "We do take the greatest possible precautions". The stress should, perhaps, be on the word "possible".

Andrew McEwen

Woodrow Wyatt

Come fantasize with Labour

Facts are boring. Fantasies are fun. The makers of the highly inaccurate *Chariots of Fire* floated Neil Kinnock off to a flying fantasy start. Labour's fantasy factory is working full tilt.

Fantasy No 1: That Mr Kinnock is a moderate leader in control of a moderate Labour Party. In the *Broad Left Alliance* journal, October 1982, Mr Kinnock said: "There is nothing in the Labour Party constitution that could or should prevent people from holding opinions which favour Leninist-Trotskyism." A survey of Labour candidates in the *Guardian* on July 11 1986 showed that, if Labour had 326 MPs and could form a government, only 137 would support Mr Kinnock's new moderate approach. The rest would be extremists.

Action is taken against Militant sympathizers only if they have separate organizations within the party and bring Labour adverse publicity. Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary, said on BBC Radio 4 on February 27 1986 that *the inquiry into Liverpool's Militants* was because its leaders were in breach of party rules, not because their views were deemed unacceptable. Five thousand Militants, members of the Labour Party, many in key party positions, held a rally in the Albert Hall last November and are in no danger of expulsion. Ted Grant, founder of Militant, wrote in the journal *Militant* on June 7 1985: "Our policy is the policy of Marx and Lenin, the policy of real revolutionary communism." Outnumbered in the Parliamentary Labour Party, a Kinnock government would rapidly resemble the worst kind of extremist Labour-dominated local authority.

Fantasy No 2: That the blight of unemployment is comparable with that of the 1930s. In January 1938 there were 2,979,000 unemployed out of a population of 45 million as against today's official three million in a population of 56 million. Prewar, the unemployed were wretched, crushed by a low dole and means tests. Today unemployment is still unpleasant, but not like that. The distinguished economist Lord Harris of High Cross in a pamphlet, *Myths on Unemployment*, issued last Thursday, convincingly queries whether there really are three million unemployed. He estimates that 350,000-450,000 are retired on the dole; 320,000-420,000 are handicapped, unemployable; 250,000-350,000 are working for cash; 100,000-200,000 are holidaying on the dole; 210,000-290,000 are managing on benefits and another 500,000-600,000 are better off on benefits than working; 210,000-290,000 are living on redundancy pay and benefits. Officially only one million are unemployed for over a year. There are 600,000 jobs on offer, most of them outside the prosperous South-east. Unemployment is not the curse it was and is falling by 25,000 a month.

Fantasy No 3: That the National Health Service is in ruins. This is apparently proved by there being 750,000 waiting to go into hospital. Mr Nigel Harris, surgeon at St Mary's Hospital, London, says 75 per cent of these are not emergencies and would not suffer severely if they waited for years. Advances in medical science now make operations available to millions that were once contemplated only by the rich. Spending on the NHS has risen by 31 per cent in real terms since 1979. Yearly one million more in-patients and almost 3.5 million more out-patient cases are now treated than in 1979. Labour says it would spend around 2 per cent more on the NHS if economic growth allowed. As most of that would go on meeting public sector union pay claims, the NHS would hardly be safe in Labour's hands.

Fantasy No 4: That the legal rights of union members for secret ballots on strikes and executive elections would be preserved. Labour's manifesto and the joint TUC-Labour Party official policy document, *People at Work*, make it clear they would be abolished. Instead, unions would be required to put "general principles" for ballots in their rule books. Union members would not be allowed access to the courts to redress their grievances but only to a new independent tribunal established in conjunction with the TUC. If this suspect tribunal found in their favour it could not enforce its decisions in the courts. Also, employers would be prevented from *applying for injunctions* against unions conducting unlawful strikes. Back to the bad old days of union intimidation of their members *and* employers.

Fantasy No 5: That abolishing our own nuclear weapons and cancelling Trident would save enough to provide adequate conventional forces to deter the Russians. The total savings of less than £7,000 million would do no more than equip a new armoured unit with 300 tanks and maintain it for 13 years. There are 50,000 tanks facing us in Europe and we in Nato have 18,000. An extra 300 tanks would not stop the Russians doing what they liked to us as they do to the occupied Eastern Europeans, and Mr Kinnock's belief that they would be deterred by the thought of a resistance movement in Britain ready to fight the invaders is somewhat optimistic.

Fantasy No 6: That we can rely on the US defending us with their nuclear weapons, although we disapprove of them on moral grounds (Mr Healey's version). Mr Kinnock says that American nuclear help would be rejected. As Mr Kinnock is a firm supporter of CND, he is right.

Labour's glossy television spectaculars are for entertainment only, unrelated to reality.

Robert Kilroy-Silk

Two faces of freedom

It is a long time since the electorate was offered as stark a choice of political philosophies as those now presented by Neil Kinnock and Mrs Thatcher. No one today can legitimately complain that politicians are all the same, or that there is little to choose between the parties. The present ideological clash is light years away from the Wilson-Heath-Callaghan axis and their shared political values and often indistinguishable language.

Right from the start Neil Kinnock and Mrs Thatcher have deliberately camped on the high ground of political morality. As befits such a posture they have come prepared for the battle in complete and complex value-systems, and armed with an overwhelming and arrogant confidence in their beliefs.

Interestingly, they agree on what is the main issue. Though there will be skirmishes and diversions on subordinate matters, such as the level of income tax and nuclear disarmament, the real fight is about freedom. That is the core of their radically different political philosophies, guiding and infusing all their policies and pronouncements. They both insist with equal vigour that they want to create what Mrs Thatcher calls a "free society and a free people".

Thus, introducing the Labour *manifesto*, Neil Kinnock actually claimed it to be a "programme geared entirely to producing freedom for the individual and the nation." Later, in Birmingham, he insisted that the whole purpose of socialism is "individual freedom."

Not to be outdone, the Prime Minister entered the lists with an uncharacteristic and somewhat Marxist cry of "power to the people", and the more usual assertion that Thatcherism was "freedom under the law.".

The problem is, of course, that while they employ almost identical terminology and seek to evoke the same response and emotions from the use of such "hurrah" words, they not only mean very different things but, more important, the achievement of the one party's version of freedom is actually dependent on the elimination of that of the other. Neil Kinnock's concept of freedom can be realized only by the death of Mrs Thatcher's idea of liberty.

Neil Kinnock stands in the classic tradition of English political theory in interpreting freedom negatively, as an absence of restraint. His job is to free people from the evils of such things as poverty and unemployment.

This, he asserts, can be accomplished only by collective effort through the auspices of the "enabling state" — the one that sent him and Glenys to university. Far from seeing Mrs Thatcher as a potential ally in achieving this goal, he argues that she has in fact spent much of the last eight years "crushing individual freedom under the weight of unemployment and poverty."

Mrs Thatcher, on the other hand, has a positive, active, concept of freedom. Choice is the key. "There's no morality without choice," she proclaims. "Choice is a basic human right." To be free to exercise this choice, the frontiers of the state, enabling or otherwise, and its inhibiting and restrictive bureaucracy, must be rolled back. It is the age-old argument between collectivism and individualism.

Mrs Thatcher wants people to be able to buy their council houses and provide for their own health care. Neil Kinnock compassionately denounces such proposals as benefiting the few who are strong at the expense of the many who are weak.

Some will no doubt portray this argument as being no more than another example of the British disease of class politics. That would be a mistake. It is true that to a certain extent Mrs Thatcher is speaking for the "haves" and Neil Kinnock for the "have-nots". But there is more to it than that. They are, in fact, addressing themselves to the same people, but to different aspects of their personality.

Neil speaks to the individual's sense of justice, harks upon his needs, awakens his fears, pricks at his conscience and appeals to his sense of altruism. Mrs Thatcher, convinced that what she has done others can emulate, evokes opportunity, stirs up aspirations and awakens ambition.

Both are highly relevant to the lives of the people they seek to lead. They offer a choice of the kind of society in which to live. Whether that choice is an effective one is another matter. We know that Mrs Thatcher can deliver. She speaks for her party. The real question is: does Neil Kinnock?

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BARBARISM PROVED

All hostage-taking is despicable, the taking of diplomats as hostages especially so. This is not because the lives placed at risk are more valuable than others. It is because respecting the safety of diplomats – like respecting that of hospitals in wartime – is a way of making more bearable the inevitable animosities between nations.

Diplomats, and recognized go-betweens such as Mr Terry Waite, are often the first means by which peace or accommodation is reached, since all negotiations, ceasefires and armistices must start somewhere. Harm diplomats, and you harm the means by which peace may be arrived at. In Europe, and throughout much of the rest of the world, diplomatic safety has been respected for centuries. Even the Nazis felt they should do so.

Iran does not. A few days ago President Reagan called that country barbaric. He was rebuked by the timid, and would-be high-minded. Yesterday Iran beat and kidnapped a British diplomat. Could anything have so swiftly justified Mr Reagan's choice of word?

Respect for diplomatic safety was one of the first signs of a reasonably stable, civilized international order emerging in the Middle Ages from the chaos of barbaric times. Yesterday's incident – small though it was against the background of the bigger events happening in the region – was further proof that the Iranian regime is a regression to a primitive state.

The release of Mr Edward Chaplin, Head of Chancery in the British mission in Tehran, within 24 hours, is a matter for relief among his family and the nation. But the government in Iran deserves to be rebuked in the strongest possible terms. Last night, much remained to be clarified. But early suspicion of official Iranian involvement in the affair seems confirmed.

The latest information suggests that Mr Chaplin was a captive of the Central Komiteh, a shadowy organization with links to the Revolutionary Guard. What relationship it has with the mainstream revolutionary government in Tehran, remains obscure. While the distinction between "official" and "unofficial" in faction-ridden Tehran is often very difficult to draw, the use by the Iranian authorities of the term "arrest" to describe the disappearance of Mr Chaplin indicates that Tehran's authorities were involved.

What motives lay behind the outrage is hard to answer. There have been suggestions that the Iranians were trying to work a "tit-for-tat" arrest, following the charging of an Iranian vice-consul in Manchester with an alleged shoplifting offence. If so, it is an utterly unacceptable way for one government to do busines with another.

There is anyway no parallel between the two – between a properly constituted criminal charge brought by the courts; and what sound like wild, baseless accusations. Mr Chaplin's wholly unlawful detention was said by the Iranians to be "on suspicion of unspecified activities". That sounds like a sentence from Newspeak and deserves to be treated as such.

That Mr Chaplin had full diplomatic immunity seems not to have occurred to the Iranians. Their own man in Manchester in contrast enjoyed only limited immunity – which meant that it was accorded to him only when he was going about the conduct of his official business. The kindest construction to put upon the incident is that a group of quasi-official revolutionaries over-reacted in trying to please their lords and masters. But this does not absolve a dictatorial regime like that in Tehran from responsibility.

Since the 1979 revolution, Britain has, quite correctly, tried to establish a *modus vivendi* with Iran. The Interests Section in Tehran now has 17 diplomatic staff (with a total of 15 dependants) which is the strength of a medium-sized embassy. Disputes between the two countries remain, and as long as Iran's record on human rights remains so appalling, it is hard to see how relations between us could be little more than "correct".

Still, the attempt to find firmer ground between us has continued. Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said in the Commons last November that "we stand ready to build a more constructive relationship in future, based upon mutual interests".

It will be impossible to achieve this if the Iranian government is not even prepared to respect the terms of the Vienna Convention, which allows diplomats of both countries to carry out their business unimpeded. That depends on Iran returning to the comity of civilized nations which it has left.

VOTES AND THE TAX SYSTEM

The details of tax reform are not obvious material for election campaigns. Whenever the subject has arisen on the hustings the Tories have been on the defensive. Yet tax is the part of economic policy which touches most voters most directly. More important, the design of the tax system can have at least as much effect on the capacity of the economy to supply goods and services as spending and borrowing have on the level of demand.

Historians may well conclude that the most important economic achievement of the second Thatcher Government was not turning British Gas from a public monopoly into a private monopoly but the revolution in company taxation which has brought the rate of Corporation Tax down from 52 per cent to 35 per cent.

Labour's attack has homed in on VAT. Tory cuts in income tax, according to Labour, would be paid for by simply putting VAT on anything which is not taxed already including food. The Tories can reasonably reply that this argument does not take account of the cut in the basic rate of income tax from 30p in the pound to 27p in the past two Budgets which has been achieved with no increases in VAT of any kind.

With the economy growing at its present rate there is likely to be scope for tax cuts without resorting to raising extra funds elsewhere. Nevertheless, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Lawson have felt it necessary to rule out putting VAT on food and have also said taxing water and power is unlikely.

The fewer such pledges that are made in the heat of an election campaign the better. The country's tax regime should not be determined for the lifetime of a parliament according to which number comes up on Sir Robin Day's switchboard. The proper way to reform the tax system is to set out the broad aims clearly for discussion, devise a carefully balanced package and then consult on the details.

Whatever the pressures of the campaign may seem to dictate there are perfectly sound arguments for switching further from taxes on income to taxes on spending. Because taxes on income are more difficult to collect, switching from one to the other would tend to minimize the black economy.

There are also sound arguments for further cuts in the higher rates of income tax. The Prime Minister and the Chancellor have made clear that if the cut in the top rate in the US to 28 per cent threatens to accelerate the drain of talent overseas they may need to cut rates here. But competition from the US is not the only reason (though it may be the most politically accessible) for cutting rates. There is a case purely on incentive grounds.

By implication Mr Hattersley denies this in contending that the reversal of cuts in taxation on higher incomes would enable him to fund his programme for increasing benefits. But as the tax paid by those on higher incomes has actually risen as a proportion of total tax revenue since the top rate on earned income was brought down in 1979 this must be questionable.

At the heart of the matter is the structure of income tax for the general taxpayer. Labour has made clear, with some fiscal courage, that it would need to reverse this year's 2p cut in the basic rate in order to finance its programme. But in the course of the campaign it has floated the vague notion of bringing back a lower rate band on the first £750 of taxable income such as Mr Healey introduced when he was Chancellor.

There is a good deal to be said for this in principle when the starting rate is as high as it is even after the reductions of the past eight years. But in practice, because everyone – not just those on low incomes – benefits from the lower rate on the first slice of their income it is not a very cost-effective way of helping the low paid. It also adds considerably to the bureaucracy. Mr Healey's lower rate band was set at 25p. With every expectation of cutting the basic rate to below that level in the course of a new Parliament the Tories may justifiably feel that the idea has little to offer.

FOURTH LEADER

At a bird sanctuary in Farnham, a pair of penguins were seen to be behaving oddly. Though oddly is hardly a strong enough word, for the birds were plainly struggling in the water, sinking deeper and deeper, and if the staff had not noticed their trouble and snatched them to safety, they would have drowned.

It sounds like one of those riddles: you know, "How do you make a Venetian blind?" "How do you make a Maltese Cross?" This one would be "How do you drown a couple of penguins?"

The answer astonished everybody concerned; it was "You'll find out if you hold them upside down and shake them." For examination of the birds disclosed that one of them had £1.99 inside him, all in small denomination coins, and the other had £1.66.

Biggins and Dillon (their names) were not bank robbers; the money swallowed by the two birds had been thrown into their pool. Possibly those who dispensed the largesse thought they were at the English equivalent of the Trevi Fountain in Rome (where throwing three coins into the water means that the thrower will return): possibly some prankster had told them that that was the correct way of paying the entrance fee: possibly they believed that that was what penguins lived on; possibly the money was thrown by exceptionally short-sighted visitors who thought that the birds were a pair of head waiters expecting a tip. (If so, the visitors were not exactly throwing it around, except literally.) There are as many ways of raising the wind as there are people short of the ready; we may now expect to see indignant penguins, in zoos and ornamental pools up and down the country, being shaken vigorously to disgorge the treasure presumed to be inside them.

But then, if penguins, why not ducks and even chickens? (Ostriches, which *do* swallow coins and other metal objects with apparent relish, are ruled out as dangerous – they kick.)

The idea can be put to good use. Money can be raised for charity, for instance, by stuffing birds with cash at village fêtes and having them disgorge it at an appropriate moment, the most appropriate being when a photographer from the local paper is at hand. Or visitors to the fête might be asked to buy a ticket to the goose-guessing; pay sixpence, write down your estimate of how much will be found in each bird, and the person who gets closest to the right answer gets a prize.

Of course, there is bound to be a complaint from those organizations which campaign against *paté de foie gras*; stuffing birds with corn is bad enough, but with money? In the end, it is up to the visitors, who must be persuaded not to feed the elephant with buns, the monkey with nuts and the penguins with pennies. If that doesn't work, nothing will. Piggy banks, yes; but penguin banks will never catch on.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Waiting around to no purpose

From Mr A. L. Dull

Sir, Mr Frederick Bolingbroke (third leader, May 23), the restaurateur, is quite entitled to his compensation from those who do not arrive at the appointed hour to claim the table they have booked.

No doubt he would also acknowledge the equity that a previously booked customer who presents himself on time only to find the restaurant full to overflowing and no prospect of a table within an hour, should similarly be compensated.

Only the likelihood that my legal costs would exceed the compensation persuaded me against an action against a local restaurant chain which accepted on Tuesday our booking for Saturday evening. When we arrived a few minutes early, all tables were occupied, the diners mostly still on their main courses, and some 20 people thronged the waiting area, obviously ahead of us in the queue. We left immediately, with sharp words in the direction of the manager.

Yours faithfully,
A. L. DULL,
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May 25.

From Mr J. M. Segar

Sir, Your third leader highlighting the plight of restaurateurs whose clients fail to turn up after booking a meal relates exactly to the hardship suffered by thousands of hairdressing salons every working day.

All too often appointments are taken in good faith, sometimes for a service such as a permanent wave, which can take three hours or more, only to find no client, no apology and an assistant hanging around with nothing to do.

Heaven help the small business who does not give the consumer a fair deal. But what about the hardship and loss imposed on service traders who suffer from the thoughtlessness of the great British public.

Yours cuttingly,
J. M. SEGAR,
358 Lordship Lane, SE22.
May 25.

From Mr Guy Bailey

Sir, Your leading article "Empty Tables" examined methods of making people keep their word when reserving a table but this problem is in no way unique to the restaurant trade.

In our own business, we sell cars; customers often cancel their orders on the most frivolous pretexts and demand as a right the return of the deposit they paid when the order was placed.

I do not consider that we should too readily abandon the concept of "the Englishman's word" and if this is one of the things Mrs Thatcher is referring to when she talks of a return to Victorian values then on that at least I agree with her.

Yours faithfully,
GUY BAILEY
1 Holland Villas Road, W14.
May 25.

Feeding the world

From Wing Commander A. G. Trevenen James

Sir, Your leading article "A World of Babies" (May 26) is timely, but two of its conclusions are misleading. Man cannot regard his future "with greater equanimity" nor, in practice, can he "feed himself twice over". It is far from reassuring to know that some 40 per cent of all the earth's great rain forests will have been consumed by man with his present numbers, which are expected to double by the middle of the next century.

By the end of this century, four fifths of the world's inhabitants will be living in the food-deficient world and the fact that there is a vast food surplus in the developed world contributes little – apart from emergency food aid – to a long-term solution of the complex problems of poverty and malnutrition.

Yours faithfully,
TREVENEN JAMES,
Joint Vice-Chairman,
Population Concern,
231 Tottenham Court Road, W1.
May 27.

Iconoclastic?

From Mr J. O. Forrest

Sir, I took my granddaughter, age 5, to the exhibition of ikons at the Royal Academy. On arriving home her mother asked her how she had enjoyed the pictures. "It was very nice" she said, "all the ladies had babies, and all the gentlemen wore gold hats".

Yours faithfully,
J. O. FORREST,
74 Lawn Road,
Hampstead, NW3.

Medina treasure

From Mr Nicholas Thomas

Sir, Professor McGrail's letter (May 4) will have caused deep concern among those who are already fearful about the inadequate protection and preservation of this nation's priceless underwater heritage of sunken ships.

It is true that the Secretary of State for Transport (under the terms of the 1973 Wrecks Act) has the assistance of an Advisory Committee on Historic Wrecks when designating wreck sites of outstanding importance. But so long as part IX of the 1894 Merchant Shipping Act continues in force without revision, this committee will remain ineffective in preserving our extraordinarily rich maritime remains.

Many of us believe that statutory protection of archaeological material on land is inadequate enough; but at least it is now difficult to sell material looted from scheduled ancient monuments. Sadly, this is not so where historic wrecks are concerned. It is now essential to devise the means to protect our maritime heritage before pillage sets in on a large scale. New laws are required – urgently.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS THOMAS,
Chairman,
Society of Museum Archaeologists,
City of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery,
Queen's Road,
Bristol, Avon.
May 18.

Deaths and involuntary smoking

From the Surgeon General of the United States

Sir, I would like to correct, for the record, certain statements attributed to me by Ms Barbara Amiel in *The Times* dated March 13. In her article, "Smoke in their eyes", Ms Amiel claimed I stated that the effects of second-hand smoke were responsible for 2,000 deaths in the United States, but when "challenged" concerning this figure, I reportedly retreated from this position, saying, "It was all in a good cause".

Ms Amiel further stated that I admitted that the majority of studies on non-smoker exposure to tobacco smoke failed to demonstrate a statistically significant relationship. Lastly, Ms Amiel wrote that I admitted falsifying facts, thereby subverting science to politics.

When we released the 1986 Surgeon General's *Report on the Health Consequences of Involuntary Smoking*, we presented data which demonstrated that involuntary smoking is responsible for approximately 2,400 cancer deaths annually among non-smokers. This compares with approximately 1,300 to 1,700 new cancer cases resulting from general air pollutants in our environment.

The conclusions of the Surgeon General's report were almost identical with that issued a month earlier by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS); their estimate of 2,400 lung cancer deaths attributed to tobacco smoke is about the mid-point of estimates published in the scientific literature. If I conveyed to Ms Amiel that these estimates were somehow fabricated, then I would like to correct that misperception.

Although several studies examining passive smoking and lung cancer have not shown a *statistically* significant relationship, most have found a *positive* relationship. Of the 13 published studies available for review by the NAS expert panel and the 1986 Surgeon General's report (additional studies did not become available until after these reports were in press), 11 showed a positive association and six demonstrated statistically significant results. Two additional studies are now in press, and both found a positive association between passive smoking and lung cancer in non-smokers.

The 1986 Surgeon General's report was the work of more than 60 internationally known scientists, representing a variety of disciplines. It was their reasoned judgement that a sufficient basis existed for concluding that passive smoking was a health risk to non-smokers. As Surgeon General, I have publicly stated on numerous occasions that we have more than sufficient data to justify measures to protect the public health from exposure to an agent that is a proven human carcinogen.

Sincerely yours,
C. EVERETT KOOP,
Surgeon General of the Public Health Service,
Department of Health & Human Services,
Washington DC 20201, USA.

When opera offends

From Sir Alfred Beit

Sir, The Neopolitan censor would not I am sure have agreed with Mr George Gale's assertions that "Grand Opera does not and cannot threaten any regime however obnoxious".

In 1858, partly as a result of an attempt that year on the life of Napoleon III and more importantly because no monarch at that time would tolerate regicide on the stage, the censer in Naples forbade Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera* because Gustav III of Sweden is assassinated on the stage. The plot of this opera consequently had to be transferred to Boston, Massachusetts, which did nothing to improve it.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED BEIT,
2 The Little Boltons, SW10.

From Mr Christopher Dean

Sir, In his article, "Do we really need opera?" (May 23) George Gale has included the throw-away line: "in music, in architecture, in art, even (novels excluded) . . . in literature, the work of the 19th century from around 1830 onwards was at best second-rate".

Mr Gale must have forgotten that powerful strain in France running through symbolist poetry (Baudelaire's *Correspondances* shows the link), Impressionist painting and the music of Saint-Saens and Debussy. He might also like to recall the thread from the late Turner (1830s and 1840s) to the early pre-Raphaelites and William Morris.

Then he should consider the plays of Ibsen and Grillparzer, (not forgetting Büchner's short life which came to fruition in the 1830s), the music of Dvorak, Brahms and Tchaikovsky and the sculpture of Rodin.

The late nineteenth century was the nursery of the twentieth. Elgar, Schoenberg, Picasso and a host of others were emerging. Everyone can have an off day, even an off year, but collectively these artists didn't make a habit of producing second-rate work.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER DEAN,
Rose Cottage, Ruckford Mill,
Malthouse Lane,
Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex.

Safety at sea

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Seamen

Sir, Mr James Sherwood (letter, May 23) has concluded that the loss of the Herald of Free Enterprise was due to "the unsatisfactory seamanship of the ship's deck officers".

This conventional, human error analysis will not do. Shipping companies have a statutory duty to ensure that work tasks are properly supervised and to ensure that safe systems of work and safe places of work are provided and maintained.

The formal inquiry now in session has heard frank admissions to the effect that these corporate duties were neglected. If this had not been the case the risk of the tragedy occurring would have been considerably reduced.

The formal inquiry has also been told that the Department of Transport did not make spot checks on ferries and that not enough inspectors are employed for this to be done. Official guidance on the procedures to be followed when bow doors are being opened or closed was not provided. False draught readings were not detected. Excessive and illegal passenger carrying passed unnoticed.

In short, the department has made no effort to enforce its own regulations, thereby failing to exercise any corrective influence on the safety arrangements approved or condoned by the managers responsible for the Herald of Free Enterprise.

The men who Mr Sherwood is so ready to pillory worked to procedures acknowledged to be defective by those same managers. The existence of these unsafe procedures was totally ignored by the Department of Transport. If Mr Sherwood wishes to allocate responsibility the latter candidates should not have escaped his attention.

Yours faithfully,
S. McCLUSKIE,
General Secretary,
National Union of Seamen,
Maritime House,
Old Town, Clapham, SW4.
May 26.

Population explosion

From Dr G. C. L. Bertram

Sir, At last your leader "Population explosion" (May 26) has spoken bluntly of the overwhelming need of our day – "a more intensive effort to control the population of our planet", now at 5,000 million.

" 'What are people for?' is a supreme example of a fundamental question which is almost never asked". Thus I wrote 25 years ago for Julian Huxley's *symposium volume, The Humanist Frame*. In those years a further 2,000 million have been added to the human total. Quality of life not quantity must become the universally recognised aim: and the two are largely antagonistic.

Yours faithfully,
G. C. L. BERTRAM,
St John's College,
Cambridge.

Awaiting surgery

From Mrs Alex Lansbert

Sir, Mr Nigel Harris appears to be talking from a secure ivory tower at St Mary's Hospital in "Stop making patients pawns" (feature, May 23).

I was told last week that I would have to wait two to three months for an "urgent" kidney operation at a provincial teaching hospital – "after the cancer patients and before the rest". The implications of this are that patients with cancer are having to wait up to three months for surgery and that some non-cancer patients needing urgent surgery to prevent further kidney damage may in time need long-term renal dialysis or kidney transplant. (The fact that to provide surgery now by clearing waiting lists is very much cheaper in the long term than providing treatment for chronic renal failure would seem to escape the financial powers-that-be).

It may in fact be possible in some cases to get earlier treatment in another health area, but in my experience it is not policy to tell the patient that, or indeed to offer to instigate the process of referral.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX LANDSBERT,
Coigne House,
57 Hurst Lane, Cumnor, Oxford.

In praise of gravy

From Mr Trevor Lyttleton

Sir, The English call it gravy, the French *jus*, and the Americans – to judge from several recently inspected US restaurant menus – *au jus sauce!*

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR LYTTLETON,
23 Bryanston Court,
George Street, W1.

Christianity and birth of science

From the Archbishop of York

Sir, Your correspondents on science and religion (May 18 and 27) have picked up only one part of Professor Jaki's thesis (article, May 12) and hence dismissed it unfairly. If his claim was simply that the birth of science depended on belief in the rational intelligibility of the universe, then they are right in saying that there is no reason why it should not have happened in ancient Greece.

But his point is more subtle than that. In Christian belief the created world is both rational and inscrutable because its Creator far transcends human understanding. The rational order of the world cannot therefore be explored and established on the basis of reason alone. It has to be discovered experimentally by an investigative process which is both rational and empirical. Because human beings cannot read the mind of God we are forced to look at what he has actually done – in other words, to read the Book of Nature.

It is the coincidence between these two strands in Christian thinking, coming first to full cultural expression in the high Middle Ages, which set, and still sets, the intellectual scene for science.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EBOR:,
Bishopthorpe,
York.
May 27.

THE TIMES ON THIS DAY

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On May 28 Sir Francis Chichester, sailing his ketch Gipsy Moth IV, completed the single-handed voyage round the world which he had begun on August 27 of the previous year. Asked to sum up briefly his experience when he landed, he said: "I think it intensifies life..." Lady Chichester and their son Giles were the first to greet him.

Chichester's own story

Now I can drink with no fear of a hurricane

From Sir Francis Chichester, Astor House, The Hoe, Plymouth

Well, I'm home at long last, and very glad to be. After four months as a solitary sea-going monkey never daring to let go with one hand without grabbing something with the other, it is naturally going to take me a little time to get back fully into the human race, but I'm finding my readjustment remarkably rapid, far easier than in the same situation in Sydney.

I needed a pain killer to get to sleep last night, but already the elbow is improving, no doubt because I am no longer banging it every moment on everything in the boat with a sharp corner. . .

I slept well. The room heaved a little, but this is natural after so many months on a constantly moving boat, and I find my land legs coming back at a very encouraging speed. . .

In the past few weeks of good sailing I found that my interest in music and books was also coming back. . . On the way out to Sydney I played my tape recorder once just past the Canary Islands but I found that music made me feel so human, so much like a man missing his family and friends, that I never played it again, and as far as books were concerned I couldn't seem to get interested in fiction and stuck pretty much to books about sailing and navigation.

Strangely enough, coming back past the Canaries I got my tape recorder out again and played some tapes which Giles had selected for me – Ravel's *Bolero*, and *Rhapsody in Blue*, which I enjoyed immensely.

I also got out my books again, and my last night off Plymouth I was reading Shakespeare with great enjoyment – I hope this isn't a comment on my voyage, but I happened to be half way through Much Ado about Nothing. . .

Things like my capsize off Sydney and the passage round the Horn are deeply imprinted on my mind . . .

I would never had had the capsize if I had taken the advice of the water people in Sydney and delayed my departure a week to let the cyclone go by. . .

The other error, if that is the right word, was really a case of not being quite as vigilant as I might have been about where I was. Shortly after the Horn I set a course to take me quite close to Staten Island, which was then more than 100 miles away.

Next morning I was cooking my breakfast and glanced out of the cockpit and was astonished to see Staten Island, a really vicious-looking mountainous chunk of land, only three miles off my beam. The current during the night had carried me the extraordinary distance of more than 50 miles. I was still on my course and well clear of Staten Island, but the thought of an island popping up without my knowledge was a good warning to me to triple check every detail of my navigation in the future. . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 29: The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's. Award International Project '87, visited Devon today.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Devon (the Earl of Morley).

Wing Commander Adam Wise was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President, Save the Children Fund, visited Wales today.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received this afternoon by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Gwynedd (Lieutenant-Commander R.M. Richards, RN) and the Vice-Chairman, Save the Children Welsh Council (Mrs V. Vine).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips then visited the Fund's shop at 1, Church Street, Barmouth, and subsequently attended an event organized by the North Wales Branch of the Fund at Glen Mawddach, Barmouth, and met members of the Branch.

Afterwards, Her Royal Highness visited the Offices of the Welsh Council of the Fund at 4, St John's Street, Cardiff, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Mrs Susan Williams) and the Chairman of the Save the Children Fund Welsh Council (Mrs P. Colston).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips subsequently visited the Fund's Shop at 23, Castle Street, Cardiff, where Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Cardiff Branch of the Fund (Mrs R. Edwards).

In the evening The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, escorted by the Chairman of the Barry Branch of the Fund (Mrs P. Widger), attended the 25th Anniversary May Queen Concert at the Memorial Hall, Barry.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 29: The Princess of Wales this morning at Highgrove House received the Chief Constable of Gloucester (Mr L.A.G. Soper).

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 29: The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior of The Order of St John and President of the Alliance Orders of St John, this morning received Baron Akerhielm (Secretary-General of the Alliance Orders of St John) and Sir Peter Hudson (Secretary-General of The Order of St John).

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 29: Princess Alexandra, attended by Lady Mary Mumford, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight upon the conclusion of the visits to Italy and Cyprus.

Prince Rainier III of Monaco celebrates his birthday tomorrow.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward will attend the English Schools' Football Association Under 15 England v Scotland international match at Wembley Stadium at 2.30; and, as Patron of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra, will attend a concert at the new Corn Exchange, Cambridge, at 7.30.

Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Corps of Signals, will visit 71st Signal Regiment (Volunteers), Bromley and the South East, at 11.00; will open the new TA centre at Bexleyheath at 12.10; will visit a field location at Hall Place, near Bexleyheath, at 2.30; and will have dinner with officers of The Royal Corps of Signals at Drapers' Hall at 7.45.

TOMORROW: Princess Anne, Patron of the Spinal Injuries Association, will attend a grand auction luncheon given by the association at the All England Jumping Course at Hickstead, West Sussex, at 11.30.

Service Dinners

Exeter Flotilla

Lieutenant Commander George Baker, Chairman of the Exeter Flotilla, presided at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at the Royal Marines Commando Training Centre, Lympstone. Lieutenant Commander John Holdsworth, Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Devon, and Lieutenant Laurence Taylor also spoke. The other guests included Colonel Ian Moore, Commandant of the Commando Training Centre, Mrs Moore and Mrs Holdsworth.

Honourable Artillery Company

General Sir Richard Trant, President of the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club, presided at a dinner held at Armoury House yesterday. Colonel R.D. Hunter and Lady Trant also spoke.

Birthdays

TODAY: Professor W.H.F. Barnes, philospher, 78; Mr W.P. Cleland, thoracic surgeon, 75; Mr Ray Cooney, theatrical producer, 55; Professor G.L.A.D. Draper, barrister, 73; Sir Hywel Evans, civil servant, 67; Mr Fredy Fisher, company director, 65; Lord Gardiner, CH, 87; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland, 67; Sir Ian Lloyd, 66; Mr A.R. Moore, diplomat, 69; Mr Julian Symons, author, 75; Mr Bob Willis, cricketer, 38; Sir Frederick Wood, honorary life president, Croda International, 61; Lord Zuckerman, OM, 83.

TOMORROW: Sir Francis Avery Jones, gastroenterologist, 77; Sir Walter Barrie, former chairman, Lloyd's, 86; Miss Florence Desmond, actress, 82; Mr Clint Eastwood, actor, 57; Admiral Sir James Eberle, director, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 60; Mr Denholm Elliott, actor, 65; the Rev Professor L.A. Garrard, philosopher and theologian, 83; Rear-Admiral Peter Gibson, 74; Mr Andrew Grima, jeweller, 66; Air Marshal Sir Valston Hancock, 80; Major-General F.C. Horton, 80; Sir Michael Sandberg, chairman, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 60; Miss Athene Seyler, actress, 98; Sir Ewart Smith, former deputy chairman, ICI, 90; Professor William Taylor, vice-chancellor, Hull University, 57; Vice-Admiral Sir George Vallings, 55.

Dinner

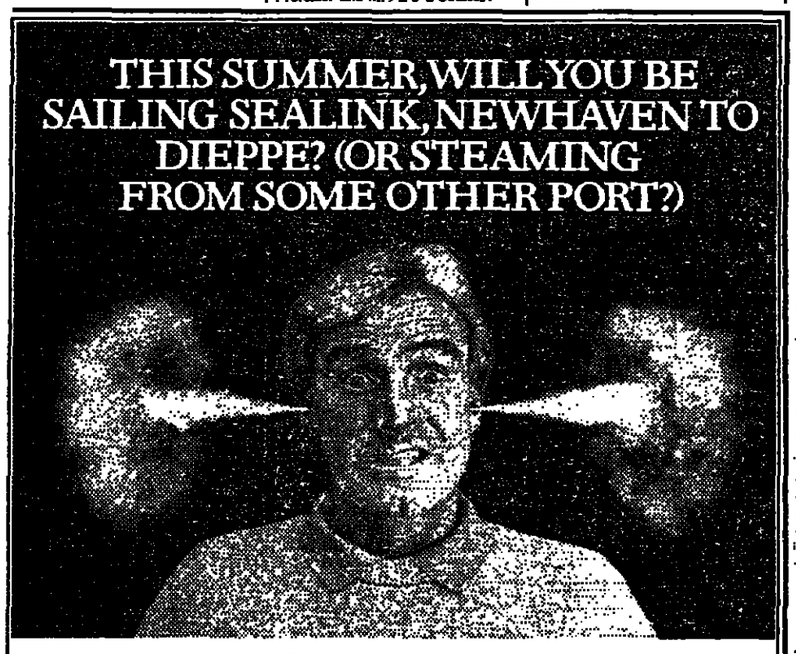
Farriers' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were the guests of honour at the annual livery dinner of the Farriers' Company held at the Mansion House yesterday. Mr Michael Mates, Master, assisted by the Wardens, presided. The Speaker, Professor F.R. Bell, the Lord Mayor and the Renter Warden also spoke. Among others present were:

Mrs Weatherill, Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan and Lady Morgan-Giles, Professor and Mrs E J L Soulsby.

1987 Tennis Ball

To raise money for Young Tennis Players in Great Britain and the Cancer Research Campaign, The Associate Society announces The 1987 Tennis Ball to be held at The Hurlingham Club on July 1, 1987. Tickets at £45 (Doubles £85, Table of 10 £400) include dinner, champagne, Pimms, wine and selective entertainments. Enquiries to 01-675 6722.



Cross-channel ferry trips are rather popular at this time of year. Some ports, however, are rather too popular.

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John Cole

A unity shrouded in mystery

The great mystery of the Eucharist lies in the fact that it is an act of God in which, using the unworthy hands and lips of the priest, He sets before his people the mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption and perpetuates these acts of Divine love in the here and now.

In the Eucharist eternity enters time and time is taken up into eternity, so that our prayer "that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us" is granted. Here we encounter further mystery for man, his physical body and his mental processes, all have their source in that great stream of life we call the natural world. Hence, when "the Word was made flesh," He not only entered human nature but also the whole natural world and His redemption of many implies the redemption of the natural world, so that Christ becomes all in all.

This double act of God in entering into and redeeming, bringing back to Himself both man and nature is set forth in the mystery of the Eucharist, in which we enact His entering into and uniting with Himself the natural elements of bread and wine, and His entry into and uniting with Himself our souls and bodies.

The modern practice both in the Roman and Anglican Churches of two members of the congregation bringing the bread and wine to the priest at the altar has great value, signifying as it does the offering of natural elements by ordinary people for consecration by God. These elements, products of human labour in co-operation with natural laws ordained by God, are offered and laid upon the altar, itself symbolic of mystery, of redemption through sacrifice of self; the sacrifice of a Divine-human self on the cross. In no other way than that of the cross, His and ours, is peace in the soul and "at-one-ment" between men attainable.

With these thoughts we approach the mystery of the consecration prayer and at its heart Christ's words, "This is my Body", "This is my Blood". The Anglican church has always rejected the doctrine of transsubstantiation and there are signs that the Roman Church is beginning to question the suitability of the mediaeval philosophical terms in which it is traditionally expressed. But it would be tragic if either Church were ever to fail to perceive the mystery underlying the inadequate formula.

In the act of consecration many priests, having taken the bread in the left, or weaker hand, make a slight upward movement so that it meets the descending, consecrating, stronger right hand, repeating the action with the chalice when consecrating the wine. These movements signify the lifting up of the ordinary of this world to meet the descending Divinity, and their uniting in one so that the bread is perceived as partaking of the body of Divinity and the wine of the blood of Divine life.

Here, as at the Incarnation, God enters into His creation to sanctify the natural and to heal the souls of sinful men by what St Ignatius called "the medicine of immortality". Here in the presence of mystery we do well to remember what Gabriel Marcel wrote: "There are thresholds which thought left to itself can never permit us to cross. An experience is required." God in His love and mercy has granted such experiences in and through the Eucharist.

So having beheld the Eucharistic mystery we go on to feed on it in body and soul. All bow their heads, lowering the proud banner of reason in the presence of mystery, all receive according to their need and capacity what God gives of Himself, for as they open their lips to partake of the bread and wine so they open their souls that Christ may enter.

Many experience yet another mystery. They come as individuals aware of each other seeking the presence of God. They glimpse what St Paul meant when he wrote to the Christians in Rome: "We then being one body in Christ are members one of another." Each now sees himself in his brother and his brother in him, and Christ in all and all in Christ. So our worship transcends earth's limits to communion with the Saints and with "those whom we love but see no longer", for it is offered "with angels and arch-angels and all the company of Heaven".

This mystery of God in the Eucharist is so tremendous that no one human mind can every fully comprehend nor express it. But God in His goodness grants to different minds to see different aspects of the one mystery, and today many find that when they join in Eucharist worship with those who think differently about this mystery, their experience is widened.

Thus dawns a vision of unity, of those who enrich each other by the diversity of their thought and deepen their common experience in God by sharing in the mystery of the Eucharist; for as we read in the *Cloud of Unknowing*, "God may well be loved, but not thought. By love may He be gotten and holden, but by thought never".

The author is an Anglican priest who has worked in physiological psychology.

Jefferson bust sets sculpture record

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A painted plaster bust of Thomas Jefferson by Jean Antoine Houdon, the great French sculptor, became the most expensive pre-twentieth century sculpture sold at auction when it made $2,860,000 (£1,682,352) at Christie's in New York yesterday. Even in this century only Giacometti sculptures have topped this price; his "Grande Femme Debout" made $3,630,000 two weeks ago.

Jefferson was American Minister to the Court of France from 1785 to 1789 and became friends with Houdon. The plaster is hand modelled and was exhibited in the Paris Salon of 1789. Houdon's studio subsequently produced several marble copies and there were also plaster replicas, but this was the original. It came for sale from a private American collection. Christie's had been estimating only $400,000-$600,000.

Sotheby's New York sale the day before was also a record breaker, with an unprecedented total of £12,071,580 and a new auction record for the work of James McNeill Whistler, the American who worked in France and England echoing the Impressionist aesthetic. His "Variations in Violet and Green", a view of the Thames at Battersea Reach painted in 1871, sold for $2,585,000 (estimate $500,000-$750,000) or £1,571,428.

Yesterday's sale at Great Tew Park in Oxfordshire pushed the total for the three day auction to £2.5m where Christie's had forecast about £1m. It was essentially the treasure hunters' day, with broken bits and pieces on offer, together with the remainder of the library. The lowest price was £28 for several pelmets and fragments of curtains in rotting nineteenth century chintz.

Three plaster casts of gentlemen, together with a miscellany of broken plaster limbs, made a surprise £506 (estimate £50-£80).

The furniture by George Bullock, delivered to the house in 1817, which has proved the main sensation of the sale, realised a total of £732,293.



Mr Richard Branson, the millionaire entrepreneur, with the Segrave Trophy, which was presented to him yesterday for his record-breaking powerboat crossing of the Atlantic last summer. The trophy is awarded for acts of valour on land and sea (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.G.F. Wilkin
and Miss C.V. Penney
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr G.S.F. Wilkin, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Mrs K.G. White, of Manaccan, Cornwall, and Claire, elder daughter of the Hon Martin and Mrs Penney, of Bearwood House, Wokingham, Berkshire.

Mr T.J.R. Albrecht
and Miss K. Woodhams
The engagement is announced between Toby, younger son of Squadron Leader and Mrs A.R. Albrecht, of Wymondham, Norfolk, and Kay, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Woodhams, of Audenshaw, Manchester.

Mr A.F. Blaxley
and Miss A.M. West
The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. Blaxley, of Chudleigh, Devon, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E.C.R.St J. West, of Sidmouth.

Mr J.M. De Santos
and Miss A.J. Spice
The engagement is announced betwen James Manuel, only son of Mr and Mrs G.M. De Santos, of Beckenham, Kent, and Amanda Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Spice, of Knoyle, Seaton, Devon.

Mr C.H. Turner
and Miss S.L. Lausch
The engagement is announced between Charles Hamilton, eldest son of Mr G.H. Turner, of Cheltenham, and Mrs J. Wales, and Sarah Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Lausch, also of Cheltenham.

Mr A.G. Franks
and Miss V.J. Rawlins
The engagement is announced between Andrew George, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Franks, of Western Way, Ponteland, Northumberland, and Vicky, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs Michael Rawlins, of The Grove, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Dr A.L. Hine
and Dr C.W. Heron
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs J.L. Hine, of Ely, Cambridgeshire, and Christine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L.J. Heron, of Durham.

Mr D.C. Manwaring
and Miss F.C. Paterson
The engagement is announced between Desmond, son of Commander and Mrs J.H. Manwaring, of Plovers, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, and Frances, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.J. Paterson, of Newtonmore, Invernessshire.

Marriages

Mr H.J.F. Campbell
and Miss L.R.C. Stainton
The marriage took place quietly in London yesterday, between Mr Hugh Campbell, elder son of Mr and Mrs Archibald Campbell, of Troon, Ayrshire, and Miss Lindsay Stainton, eldest daughter of Mr Keith Stainton, of Little Bealings House, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Mrs Cortlandt Simpson, of Lower Lambie House, Luxborough, Somerset.

Mr W.S.J. Dobie
and Miss C.E.C. Osmaston
The marriage took place on May 23, at St James's Regil, of Mr William Dobie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.J. Dobie, of Abbey St Bathans, Berwickshire, and Miss Charlotte Osmaston, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs H.A. Osmaston, of Regil Farm, near Bristol. The Rev Amiel Osmaston, sister of the bride, officiated assisted by the Rev R. Hickes, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, gave an address.

Mr P. O'Donoghue
and Miss V. Woods
The marriage took place in London on Friday, May 22, between Mr Philip O'Donoghue, of Shortlands, Kent, and Miss Viva Woods, of Dun Laoighaire, Co Dublin.

Lieutenant-Colonel U. Corbett
and Mrs P. Roberts
The marriage took place in Hereford on May 29, 1987, between Lieutenant-Colonel Uvedale Corbett and Mrs Peggy Roberts.

Mr P.J. O'Hea
and Miss E.M. Goldsmith
The marriage took place, on May 9, in Shere, Surrey, between Mr Paul Jerome O'Hea and Miss Emma Mary Goldsmith.

Mr B.M. Sandelson
and Mrs E.M. Oppenheim
The marriage took place quietly in London on Friday, May 29, between Mr Basil M. Sandelson and Mrs Enid M. Oppenheim.

Memorial Services

The Hon Michael Sieff

The Ambassador of Israel attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of the Hon Michael Sieff held on Thursday at the West London Synagogue. Rabbi Hugo Gryn officiated and also read a tribute from Mr Morris West. Mr Jessel Harrison, Sir Robert Haslam and Sir Jan Lewando gave addresses. Among those present were:

The Hon Mrs Sieff (widow), Mr and Mrs Jonathan Sieff (son and daughter-in-law), Daniel Marcus Sieff (son), Elizabeth Anne Sieff (daughter), Mr Patrick Sieff and Miss Rebecca Sieff (grandchildren), Lord and Lady Sieff of Brimpton (brother and sister-in-law), the Hon David and Mrs Sieff, Mr Adam Sieff, Miss Lois Sieff, Mrs Michael Sacher, Mr and Mrs G Sacher, Mr and Mrs J Sacher, Mr Jeremy Sacher, Dr M Gaquinto, Mr J D Lerner, Dr and Mrs Martin Gilbert, Mr Anthony and Dame Simone Prendergast, Mr and Mrs C H Prendergast, Mrs D Susman, Mr P Susman, Mr E Susman, Mr and Mrs P Blond.

Lord Rayner (chairman, Marks and Spencer) with Mr and Mrs Richard Greenbury, Mr Clinton Silver, Mr Albert Fox, Mr Nigel Colne, Mr Peter Spriddell, Mr Donald Trangmar and other past and present members of staff; Earl Jellicoe, Lady Byers, Baroness Cox, Lady Ezra, Lord and Lady Forte, Lord Porritt, Lord and Lady Rayne, the Hon Mrs Angela Lascelles, the Hon David and Mrs McAlpine, Sir Monty Finniston, Lady McIndoe, Lady Pulbrook, Lady Vaizey, Lady Rothnie.

Mr Edward Fox, Mrs Jack Hawkins, Mr and Mrs Bruce Forsyth, Mr A J W Lewis (representing chairman, Courtaulds), Mr A Sidney Rosen (managing director, FIBI Financial Trust), Professor Robert Steiner (Royal Postgraduate Medical School) and Mrs Steiner, Mr Richard Moore (Scarcliffe School) and Mrs Moore, Dr Alan Hayes (chairman, European Trade Committee), Colonel H Nunneley, Mr Aubrey Green, Mr Kenneth Marks, Mr Harry Schwab, Mr and Mrs Jack Steinberg, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Spowman, Mr Robin Fox, Professor D Kerr, Mrs David Karmel, Dr and Mrs M Paul, Major Matthew Keating, Mr Stephen Mitchell, Mrs P Corah, Mr and Mrs R de Rohan, Dr S M Cohen, Professor Keith Peters, Mr R Lederer, Mr Clive Lederer, Mrs H Gestetner, Mr and Mrs D Skidmore, Mrs A C Marks, Mr and Mrs Alan Dent, Mr Ivor Levine, Mr and Mrs Edward Rayne and Mr James Rothnie.

Lieutenant-Colonel
Sir John Read

The High Commissioner for Nigeria attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant-General Sir John Read held at St George's, Hanover Square, yesterday. The Rev W.M. Atkins officiated. Mr Alan Shelley, Chairman of the West Africa Committee, read the lesson and Lieutenant-Colonel John Read, son, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. General Sir William Jackson, representing the Royal Engineers, gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs Charles Read (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs John Read (daughter), John Read, Giles Read, Edmund Read and Emily Read (grandchildren), Mr A.S.M. Read (brother), Colonel and Mrs P H Fuller (sister and brother-in-law), Mrs Anne Burdon (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs C G Bell, Mr and Mrs G Gardner and Mr and Mrs J Landon (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Miss Penelope Link and other members of the family.

Lord Grey of Naunton, General Sir George Cooper, General Sir Antony and Lady Read, General Sir John Gibbon, Air Chief Marshal Sir Alasdair Steedman (Military Committee, NATO), Air Marshal Sir Alan Davies, Lieutenant-General Sir David and Lady Willison, Sir John Kilner, the Deputy High Commissioner for Nigeria and Mrs Kolo, General Y Gowon, Mr L J Walters (secretary, West Africa Committee) with Mr G W Howe, Mrs D M Stokes and Miss H A Nebel (Miss Maeve Fort (Head of West Africa Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Mr P D O Ladell (chairman, South African Association) with Mr W Turner, Mr D Payne (chairman, East Africa Association) Mr P H Balmer (Britain-Nigeria Association), Mr J S M Caldwell (BP Africa), Mr N A van Outrijvarden (chairman, Africa Institute of The Netherlands also chairman, Group of Seven, Brussels) and Mrs Van Outrijvarden, Lieutenant-Colonel W E Shackell (Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst), Mr A Maclean (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Brigadier D H Bush (British Consultants Bureau), Mr Mark Bostock (ARUP Economic Consultants), Mr N J Graham (Patterson Zochonis), Mr W Hastie (Standard Chartered Bank), Mr R C Whillet (Barclays Bank), Miss J Wood (Export Credit Guarantee Department), Mr M D Walker (Taylor Woodrow), Mr Keith Cox (Wellcome Foundation), Mr N A Achebe (Shell International), Mr C E Paul (Tate and Lyle), Dr John H Stevens (Knight Frank and Rutley), Mr J de T Vischer (Rout and Forgas), Mr and Mrs R H Braybon, Major-General and Mrs R L Glutterbuck, Major-General H E M L Garrett, Mr and Mrs E C Judd, Mr R M Purcell, Dr Tom Soper and Mrs A J Shelley.

OBITUARY

MR CHARAN SINGH

A moment of illusory power



Mr Charan Singh, briefly Prime Minister of India in 1979-80, in the chaotic days after the demise of the Janata coalition government, died yesterday at the age of 84.

He had been one of the main participants in the coalition, whose period of rule provided a fleeting interlude between long periods of stewardship by Mrs Gandhi, and he held senior ministerial posts under its leader, Morarji Desai. But after the latter's resignation, his own hold on the premiership was, ironically, dependent on Mrs Gandhi, and when she withdrew her support after less than three weeks, his role was merely a caretaker one until elections swept her back to power.

Chaudhuri Charan Singh was born the son of a farmer in the Meerut district on December 23, 1902. He studied law at Agra University, and began practising in Ghaziabad. Later he was active in the independence movement and took part in many of the anti-British demonstrations of the 1930s. This earned him several spells in prison.

However he became a member of the United Provinces state assembly in 1937. After independence he rose to prominence in the state, now called Uttar Pradesh, and served twice as Chief Minister, in 1967-68, and in 1970.

He also became an opponent of the government of Mrs Gandhi, which, as a man from a constituency of Jat Hindu farmers, he criticised for its reliance on industry rather than agriculture, as the key to a healthy Indian economy.

He founded several political parties, but none of these brought him close to the centre of power. During the Gandhi period of emergency rule he found himself in prison again, among 30,000 other detainees.

The forthright rejection by the Indian electorate of Mrs Gandhi's Congress Party in March 1977, gave Charan Singh his chance. He brought his Bharatiya Kranti (Indian Revolutionary) Party into coalition with the Janata Party of Morarji Desai, and when the Janata leader became Prime Minister, he enjoyed office as, successively, Home and Finance Minister.

In the first post he ordered the arrest of Mrs Gandhi on charges of corruption and abuse of power. But this turned out to be a miscalculation, and she spent only one night in prison.

Later Charan Singh was made a deputy prime minister with Mr Jagjivan Ram, but by now he had established himself as a strong opposition element to Morarji Desai within the Janata coalition. This opposition two roots. The first was an honest desire to express the aspirations of his constituency of hardy Jat peasants. The second was a belief that he could supplant Desai as Janata leader, given the right circumstances.

The strains of factional arguments soon took their toll of Janata cohesiveness. Tired of his criticism, Desai dismissed Charan Singh from his cabinet, but his own position, too, soon became untenable, and in July 1979 he resigned the premiership.

All now expected President Reddy to send for Jagjivan Ram to form an administration. But Charan Singh, who had taken an influential group of 70 MPs out of the coalition after his dismissal, indicated that he could form a government with Mrs Gandhi's help.

He therefore became Prime Minister, with the aid, so to speak, of the political enemy. How illusory his triumph was became clear when, just 24 days later, Mrs Gandhi withdrew her support, leaving him as a a paper premier for the next three months, until elections in January 1980 returned her to power.

Charan Singh fought these elections as leader of a breakaway faction of the Janata party which was almost wiped out at the polls. Subsequently he formed the Lok Dal party, which prospered no better. After his incapacitation by a stroke in 1985 it split into two, and is, today, in total disarray.

To many Indians, hankering after a robust two-party system, Charan Singh's method of attaining the premiership is a melancholy episode, exemplifying many of the weaknesses of Indian politics. His espousing of Mrs Gandhi ruined whatever chances Janata might have had of providing a credible opposition, and perpetuated the reality of the Indian political party as a faction gathered around a dominant personality.

Charan Singh's opportunism brought him no real power, and after 1979 he seems to have been an unhappy man, vainly believing that another chance might come to influence events.

SIR HUGH LINSTEAD

Sir Hugh Linstead, OBE, Conservative MP for Putney from 1942 to 1964, and, in his day, a prominent figure in the pharmaceutical industry, died on May 27 at the age of 86.

He was born in Brighton on February 3, 1901, and educated at the City of London school, Birkbeck College and the Pharmaceutical Society's School, where he qualified as a chemist. He was also called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1929.

From 1926 to 1964 he was secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and, in 1938, with war on the horizon he was able to bring his expertise to bear as secretary of the Central Pharmaceutical War Committee, a post he held until 1946.

From 1964 to 1980 he was chairman of Macarthys Phamaceuticals Ltd. One of his other interests was the Boy Scouts, and he was a commissioner for training scout officers in the 1930s. He was also for many years chairman of the Wandsworth Group Hospital Management Committee.

As an MP he served on several committees, whose work was cognate with his chemical and health interests.

Hugh Linstead was a solid, centrist Tory backbencher of a kind commoner in his day than in our own. He was a man widely respected for his commonsense and his dedication to keeping the party on an even keel. His contribution to the 1922 Committee was particularly valued.

Though he never made any secret of the fact that his chief interest outside was the pharmaceutical industry, and that he was regarded by that industry as its parliamentary spokesman, this was never held against him, because he was scrupulous at all times to declare his interest.

He took part in few dramatic controversies; indeed, it could be said of him that the whole object of his political career was to diminish drama.

His wife, Alice, died in 1978. He leaves two daughters.

MR WINTHROP BROWN

Mr Winthrop Brown, a former United States ambassador to Laos and South Korea, died on May 25 at the age of 79.

Brown was born in Seal Harbor, Maine, and raised in New York City. He read law at Yale.

In 1941 he joined the Lend-Lease Administration. He was soon sent to London and, except for a brief assignment in India, he spent the rest of the war there.

From 1950 to 1957, he was in London again as minister for economic affairs in the US embassy. From 1957 to 1960, he was back in India as deputy chief of the American embassy.

He was made ambassador to Laos in 1960. That country was involved in civil war, and was threatened by a communist takeover. American policy was to establish a neutralist government. In 1962 after complex negotiations in Geneva, Prince Souvanna Phouma became premier of such a government.

Brown was then recalled to Washington and appointed deputy commandant of the National War College.

From 1964 to 1967, he was ambassador to South Korea.

When he returned to Washington in 1967, he was the State Department's representative to the governors of the 50 states.

He was then Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs from 1968 to 1972, when he retired.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, a son and two daughters.

ISOBEL STRACHEY

Mr Anthony Blond writes:

Isobel Strachey's (obituary, May 26) last, clearly articulated, words were "Thank you so much for those lovely blue irises".

On marrying John Strachey, the painter, she eagerly assumed the auitudes of Bloomsbury in which she delighted, and which delighted in her.

After a short and fraught marriage, and a war spent monitoring telephone conversations in Bletchley for the Secret Service, when she heard "nothing of any possible interest for five years", she took a house in Chelsea.

Her gatherings, attended by bright young (and quite faded old) things, were famous.

Her talent for tolerating bad behaviour, even when directed towards herself, and her drawling, tired but emphatic manner of speech, were unique.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

For the prophecy came not in old times by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
2 Peter 1 : 21

BIRTHS

BAILEY - On Saturday May 23rd, at Barking Hospital, to Mayuri and Austin, a son, Spencer Tej Austin.

BARCLAY - On May 27th, at York, to Marion and Hugh, a daughter, Ghillean.

BIRKCHEN - On May 29th, to Karen and Anthony, a daughter, Alexandra.

BROWN - On Wednesday May 27th, at Countess of Chester Hospital, to Sally (née Harrison) and Andrew, a son, Oliver David.

BUSH - On 27th May 1987, at Eastbourne General Hospital, to Martina and Geoffrey, a son, Nicholas. A brother for Oliver.

CARTER - On May 27th, to Jane (née Luss) and David, a son Oliver James.

DE JUNIAC - On May 21st, to Kristine and Christian, a son, brother to Alexandra and Elisabeth.

DOBELL - On May 26th 1987, to Hilary (née Shaw) and Anthony, a son, Myles Paul Russell, a brother for Richard.

FOULADPARD - On May 29th, to Tricia and Mahmood, a son.

NGO - On May 19th 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Margaret (née Ng) and Sui-Kem, a son, Jonathan James, a brother for Nicola.

LERSTEN - On May 29th 1987, to Margareta (née Dan) and Stefan, a daughter.

MACGREGOR - On Tuesday May 26th to Trudi Braun, wife of Michael Macgregor, a son, Duncan Frederick.

McCALL-HUDSON - On May 20th, to Cassandra (née Martin) and Anthony, a daughter, Alice Natasha.

McILROY - On May 27th, at the Wellington Hospital, to Lorna and Roger, a son, James Laurence.

NEWLANDS - On May 27th, in London, to Catherine and John, a daughter, Alexandra Clare, a sister for Edward and Sophie.

PARSONS - On May 15th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Jane (née Howell) and John, a daughter, Emma Victoria, a sister for James, Joanna and Katharine.

PEAT - On May 28th 1987, at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, to Amanda Nelld (née Marshall) and John Boyd McCowan, a son.

PLUMB - On May 28th, at Peterborough District Hospital, to June and Geoffrey, a son, Alastair Geoffrey, a brother for Mark and Anne.

REGAN - On May 22nd, to Frances and Dominic, a daughter, Kezia Rose, a sister for Chloe and Isabel.

RIDLEY - On May 29th, to Biddy (née Passmore) and Adam, twin sons.

ROBERTS - On May 16th, to Marion (née MacDonald) and Julian, a son, Christopher Alexander Donald.

WILBRAHAM - On May 27th, to Stephanie and Philip, a son, Dominic Matthew.

WOODHOUSE - On May 28th, to Alison and Anthony, a daughter, Emily Ruth.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

LAIRD CLOWES-JOSEPH - On May 31st 1947 in London, Edmund Laird Clowes to Sonia Joseph.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On May 26th, in a traffic accident in Scotland, Yvonne Elizabeth (Vonnie) Allen, very dearly loved wife of Colonel R.F.D.F. (Forty) Allen. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Parham, near Framlingham, Suffolk, on Tuesday 2nd June at 3.00pm, for family and local friends. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind or R.U.K.B.A. Thanksgiving Service in London later.

BALLS - On May 27th after a long illness bravely borne, Walter James aged 84, husband of Mabel and father of Bryan and Jane. Service and Cremation at Robin Hood Crematorium, Streetsbrook Road, Solihull on Thursday June 4th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please.

BLADE - On May 26th, The Very Rev. Alfred John Blade, aged 76, priest and lecturer to Newland Almshouses. Cremation in Gloucester, Tuesday June 2nd at 2.30pm. Thanksgiving Service Sunday June 28th 3.00pm at Newland Church. No flowers, donations for Borneo Mission Association, c/o Rev. Addison, The Vicarage, Newland, near Coleford, Glous GL16 8NP. Tel: 0594 33777

BREWIS - On May 28th, in Oxford, Charlotte Elizabeth Joyce, aged 87. Beloved of all who knew her. Funeral at St. Margaret's Church on Wednesday June 3rd at 1.30pm. Flowers or donations (for Christian Aid) please to Reeves and Pain of 288 Abingdon Road. Tel: (0865) 242629.

COOKSON - On May 29th 1987, peacefully at his home, The Mill House, Meldon, Northumberland, Colonel John Charles Blencowe Cookson, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., aged 82 years, beloved husband of Patsy, much loved father and grandfather. Memorial service will be held at St Andrew's Church, Hartburn on Wednesday 3rd June at 3pm, family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research and Hunt Servants Benevolent Fund c/o Barclays Bank, Morpeth, Northumberland.

DAVIES - On May 19th 1987, on holiday in Spetzes, Greece, Sybil (formerly Brown, née Buswell), of Station Road, Collingtum, Newark, aged 74 years. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to The British Heart Foundation. Enquiries regarding funeral arrangements to E.Gill & Sons, Tel Newark: 77461.

DEERING - On May 25th, Samuel Richard of Clevedon originally from Taunton, lately the London area. Funeral enquiries to R G. Rawlings Ltd Funeral Directors, Clevedon. Tel: 0272 873210.

EMSON - On May 28th 1987, Jane of Fareham, Hants formerly of Kent. Dearly loved wife of Jack and a much loved mother of Colin and Clive and their families. Service at Charing Crematorium on Thursday, June 4th at 2.00pm. Flowers to 1 DymChurch Road, Hythe, Kent.

FORBES - On May 28th, very suddenly and peacefully in her 80th year, Rosemary (née Cheasley), dearly loved wife of the late Tuppy Forbes, much loved mother of Jane and Angus and dearly loved by her six grandchildren. Funeral private. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, c/o Hatcher Funeral Service, 9-11 High street, Taunton. Tel: (0823) 272277.

HANCOCK - On May 28th, peacefully, Francis Thomas (Hanny) aged 87, of Maydene, Grenfell Road, Maidenhead. Sadly missed by Barbara and family.

HENDERSON - On May 21st 1987, tragically in a car accident, Josephine Mary (née Moore) beloved wife of Alexander and much loved mother of Angus and Juliet. Private funeral on June 4th, family flowers only, donations if desired to Save The Children. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Lustleigh Church, South Devon, on June 13th at 3.00pm.

HERRERD - On Tuesday, May 26th 1987, at home, E.S.F (Ted/Horace), aged 81, Beloved husband of Mary and loving father of Mary (Adia). Enquiries to Funeral Directors, Haslemere (0428) 3624. Family flowers only please.

HORSHOUSE - On May 28th, suddenly, Hugh Cam. Husband of Judy, father of Mark, James, Martin, Julia and Sophie. Funeral family only. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Cancer Help Centre, Grove House, Bristol or St. Michael's Cheshire Home, Axbridge. Memorial Service to be announced later.

HOGAN - On May 28th, Carine Joanna Irene Lucy (Joane) widow of the late Alec, peacefully after a short illness in St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. Sadly missed by her nephew Richard, the family and her many friends. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday June 4th at 1.00pm. Enquiries to J H Kenyon Ltd. Tel: 01-937-0757.

HOOPER - On May 25th 1987, suddenly at his home, Sir Anthony Rolt Maurice Hooper, Baronet aged 58 years, much loved by family and friends. Funeral Private.

LINSTEAD - On May 27th, suddenly in Hospital after a very short illness, Sir Hugh Nicholas Linstead O.B.E., former M.P. for Putney. Beloved father of Ruth and Anne.

MADDEN - On May 27th, peacefully after a short illness, Cecil Charles Madden, M.B.E. Funeral private, memorial service to be announced.

MOURANT - On Monday May 25th 1987, peacefully at his home in Jersey, Helier de Carteret, beloved husband of Kathleen, father of Peter and grandfather of Philippa and Helen Jane. No letters please. Family flowers only. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Helier de Carteret Mourant will be held at Georgetown Methodist Church, Jersey, on Tuesday next, June 2nd at 12 noon. Followed by private cremation. Pitcher & Le Quesne Funeral Directors, 59 Kensington Place, St Helier, Jersey. Tel: 0534 77935.

NEWMAN - On May 23rd 1987, H.S.(Stan) Newman, of Winchmore Hill, N21, aged 94, Enfield Crematorium, 2.30pm Wednesday June 3rd.

PIGNON - On May 28th 1987, peacefully at Wimbledon, Freda Corolla, aged 88 years, much loved mother of Betty. Funeral service at North East Surrey Crematorium, Lower Morden Lane, Morden, 10 am Wednesday June 3rd. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St. Michael's Hospice, 25 Upper Maze Hill, St. Leonards, Sussex.

PULTENEY - On May 27th, suddenly and peacefully at home, Frances, beloved wife of Mark and devoted mother and grandmother of her family. Funeral service 12.00 noon Tuesday June 2nd at Holy Trinity Ash Priors. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for The British Red Cross Society, C/o Leonard E Smith, Funeral Directors, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton.

SLOCUM - On Tuesday May 26th, Vera Emily, beloved wife of the late Frank. Mother of Hilary and Ann and a much loved Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Funeral Service at Chelmsford Crematorium on Wednesday June 3rd at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Church of England Children's Society would be appreciated. Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL.

THURSTAN - On May 23rd 1987, John Paget, at Truro Hospital. Funeral service at St Cluvias Church, Penryn at 12.00 noon on Thursday 4th June, followed by Interment. Floral tributes to T.Cooke, 4 Quarry Hill, Falmouth, or donations if desired, to Age Concern, 6A Little Castle St, Truro, Cornwall.

TRENEER-MICHELL - On May 28th, peacefully in London, Col Peter Treneer-Michell, O.B.E., devoted husband of Mandy and father of Alice and Celia. Funeral at the Light Division Chapel, Sir John Moore Barracks, Winchester, Friday 5 June at 3pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Riflemen's Aid Society, Sir John Moore Barracks, Andover Rd North, Winchester, Hants

MEMORIAL SERVICES

WORSLEY - A memorial service for Lieutenant General Sir John Worsley KBE, CB, MC will be held in the Chapel of The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on Tuesday June 23rd at 12 noon.

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

SUTTON - The funeral of the late Rachel Ann will take place on Wednesday 3rd June at St Andrew's Church, Old Headington, Oxford at 2.30pm. Followed by Cremation (private). Please no flowers, but donations to The Multiple Sclerosis Society (Hon. Sec. 3 The Mint, High Street, Wallingford) would be deeply appreciated.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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Science report

Soft shell approach to countering crop pests

By John Newell

Scientists have been using a new form of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy to investigate the chemical changes that occur when cuticle, which forms the exoskeleton of insects, is hardened.

The different chemicals that make up cuticle are well known, but until now there has been no way of looking inside to see how the chemicals are bound together during the hardening that takes place after each ecdysis (moult).

Investigations carried out by Dr Jacob Schaeffer and colleagues in the Monsanto Company's and other laboratories in the United States have begun to suggest ways in which new pesticides might be developed which would prevent larval insects from developing into the adult forms which prey on crops. Such pesticides would block the biochemical processes involved in hardening cuticle

Cuticle protects insects and provides a firm attachment for its muscles. If it could not harden pests would be both crippled and defenceless.

Dr Schaeffer and his colleagues used cross-polarization NMR spectroscopy to compare the structure of soft cuticle from newly-moulted pupae (of the tobacco hornworm *manduca sexta*) to that or hardened, dehydrated cuticle.

NMR spectroscopy revealed how the different compounds known to exist in cuticle – chitin, protein and catechol – increased rapidly in concentration in the first few hours after ecdysis while the cuticle stiffened.

Source: *Science*, volume 235, page 1200.

Service luncheons

The Light Infantry

The Lord Lieutenant of Somerset and Mrs Luttrell were the guests of honour at a luncheon given yesterday by General B.M. Lane, Colonel of The Light Infantry, officers and their ladies at the Royal Bath and West and Southern Counties Showground. Brigadier J. Hemsley, Deputy Colonel of The Light Infantry for Somerset and Cornwall, presided.

Asthma Research Council

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Asthma Research Council, was present on Thursday evening at the Royal charity première of *The Whistle Blower* at the Odeon, Haymarket, in aid of the Asthma Research Council Diamond Jubilee Appeal. She was received by Mr Fred Turner, Managing Director of Rank Films, Mrs Mary Spinks, Co-Chairman of the Organizing Comittee, and Mr Hugh Faulkner, Director of the Asthma Research Council. Mr Geoffrey Reeve, producer of the film, Mr Michael Caine, Mr James Fox, Mr David Langton, Miss Felicity Dean and Mr Barry Foster were presented to the Duchess of Gloucester.

Haileybury

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Saturday 6 June 7.30 pm — BERLIN RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Horst Stein (conductor) Gabriele Schnaut (soprano) Wagner Seven Symphonic Fragments from Parsifal, Siegfried's Rhine Journey and Funeral Music. Closing scene from Gotterdammerung. £3 £4.50, £5.50 £8.50, £10.50 £12.50. Harold Holt Ltd.

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Wednesday 3 June 7.45 pm — WHITEHALL CHOIR Rosebery Orchestra Christopher Hemek (cond) Valery Hill, Juliet Booth (sops) Joy Robinson (con) Andrew Murgatroyd (ten) Michael Pearce (bar) Haydn Nelson Mass, Mozart Mass in C minor (K. 427). £2.50, £4, £5, £6, £7. The Whitehall Choir

Thursday 4 June 7.45 pm — LONDON CITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Thomas McIntosh (cond/pno) Graham Salter (ob) David Shall (tpt) Haydn Oboe Concerto in C, Copland Quiet City, Mendelssohn Piano Concerto in A min Vivaldi Trumpet Concerto in B fl, Honegger Symphony No. 2 for trumpet & strings. £3 £4.50 £6. Minstrel Productions

Friday 5 June 7.45 pm — ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Jeffrey Tate (conductor) William Bennett (flute) Honegger Pastorale d'été, Delius Intermezzo from Fennimore and Gerda, Nielsen Flute Concerto, Mendelssohn Symphony No 3 (Scottish). £2 £4.50 £5 £7.50. ECO & Music Society Ltd.

Saturday 6 June 7.45 pm — THE ACADEMY OF ANCIENT MUSIC Christopher Hogwood (conductor) Steven Lubin (fortepiano) Beethoven Overture, Prometheus, Piano Concerto No. 2, Overture, Coriolan Piano Concerto No 1. £3 £4.50 £6 £7.50 £9. Harrison/Parrott Ltd

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Wednesday 10 June 7.45 pm — LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Jane Glover (cond) Nina Milkina (pno) Sally Beamish (via i Chi-chi Nwanoku (d-bass) Vasilet Sinfonia in G min, Mozart Piano Concerto in E b K.271, Dittersdorf Sinfonia Concertante, Haydn Symphony No 49 (La Passione). £3.50 £5, £7, £9 £9. Haydn-Mozart Society

Thursday 11 June 7.45 pm — GUITAR CONCERTANTE London Soloists Chamber Orchestra David Josefowitz (cond) Susanne Mebes (gui) Joy Farrell (cl) Rodrigo Concierto de Aranjuez, Weiss/ Guitar Concerto in D, Rossini Vars for clarinet & orch, Mozart Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter). £3.50, £5, £6, £7, £9. London Soloists Chamber Orchestra

Friday 12 June 7.45 pm — LONDON-LOCH LOMOND FESTIVAL CHORALE C. Edward Bruner, Larry R. Parsons (conds) Mozart Regina Coeli in C major K. 276, Mendelssohn The Lorelei, Op 98, Debussy The Martyrdom of St. Sebastian, Honegger Cantata Appassima (1st Britain performance). £4.50, £5, £6.50, £7. Robert White

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Tomorrow 2.30pm — LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Yuri Ahronovitch cond, Gil Shaham violin Rimsky-Korsakov: Excerpts from 'The Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh' Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No 2 Shostakovich: Symphony No 5. £10.50, £8.50, £6.50, £5, £3.50 ONLY. Sponsored by CAP Group plc.

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Fri 5 June 7.45pm — ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Sir Yehudi Menuhin cond Felix Schmidt cello Elgar: Overture 'Cockaigne'; Cello Concerto in E minor; Chanson de Matin; Enigma Variations. £11, £9, £7, £5, £4, £3. R.P.O. Ltd in assoc. with Raymond Gubbay Ltd

Sat 6 June 6.00pm — ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Arthur Davison cond Piers Lane piano Tchaikovsky: Capriccio Italien Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No 2 Chabrier: Espana Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite No 1 Borodin: Polovtsian Dances from 'Prince Igor'. £12.50, £11.50, £10, £8.50, £6.50, £5.50. Raymond Gubbay Ltd

Sun 7 June 7.30pm — LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS John Mauceri cond Sarah Walker mezzo Stephen Hough piano Rachmaninov: The Isle of the Dead; Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini Prokofiev: Cantata 'Alexander Nevsky'. Sponsored by Rank Xerox. £12.50, £10.50, £8.50, £6.50, £5, £3.50.

Mon 8 June 7.45pm — ACADEMY OF LONDON Richard Stamp cond Joseph Silverstein violin Mark Braunstein viola Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante in E flat K364, Violin Concerto No 4 in D, K218 Elgar: Violin Concerto (Reconstruction by Lionel Tertis) Op 85, Introduction and Allegro for Strings. £9, £8, £6.50, £5, £3.50.

Wed 10 June 7.45pm — CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF LONDON Ivor Bolton cond Anthony Goldstone piano Lorraine McAslan violin Handel: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba Mozart: Piano Concerto No 23 in A Vivaldi: The Four Seasons. £11.50, £10.50, £9.50, £8, £6.50, £5.50. Raymond Gubbay Ltd

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CONCERTS

INDIAN CLASSICAL CONCERT by acclaimed sitar prodigy, BIDDHADITYA MUKHERJEE – Ustad AMJAD CHAITLEJEE – Tabla. Sunday 7th June at 6.30pm Indian Cultural Institute, 4a Castletown Road, London W.14. (W. Kensington Underground). Tickets: £6, £4 from 01-452 7120.

EXHIBITIONS

H.M. BATEMAN CENTENARY EXHIBITIONS. Until 20 June. Royal Festival Hall Cartoons 10.00 am–10.00 pm Inc. Sun. National Theatre Caricatures & Strip Cartoons Mon–Sat 10.00–11.00 pm. Tel. REH 01-928 3002 NT 928 2033.

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SATURDAY 6 JUNE at 8 p.m. Tchaikovsky .....CAPRICCIO ITALIEN. Rachmaninov ... PIANO CONCERTO No. 2. Chabrier.....ESPANA. Grieg .....PEER GYNT SUITE No. 1. Borodin..... POLOVTSIAN DANCES from PRINCE IGOR. ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Conductor: ARTHUR DAVISON. PIERS LANE piano. £5.50, £6.50, £8.50, £10, £11.50, £12.50

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE at 7.45 p.m. Handel .....ARRIVAL OF THE QUEEN OF SHEBA. Mozart ..... PIANO CONCERTO No. 23, K488. Vivaldi ... THE FOUR SEASONS. CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF LONDON. Conductor: IVOR BOLTON. ANTHONY GOLDSTONE piano. LORRAINE McASLAN violin. £5.50, £6.50, £8, £9.50, £10.50, £11.50

FRIDAY 12 JUNE at 7.45 p.m. SUMMER LOVE CLASSICS. Rossini .....THE BARBER OF SEVILLE OVERTURE. Tchaikovsky ..... SWAN LAKE (EXCERPTS). Chopin..... PIANO CONCERTO No. 1. Bizet..... CARMEN SUITE. J. Strauss II.....ROSES FROM THE SOUTH WALTZ. Tchaikovsky .....ROMEO AND JULIET OVERTURE. LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA. Conductor: BRAMWELL TOVEY. PHILIP FOWKE piano. And a Summer Rose for every lady member of the audience. £5.50, £6.50, £8, £9.50, £10.50, £11.50

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SATURDAY

A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

When love was all you'd need



It was 20 years ago on Monday that *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* was released. **Philip Norman** (left) analyses the chemistry behind the Beatles' masterpiece

Illustration by Siân Frances

Three ages of the Fab Four: the happy adolescents of "Twist and Shout" stepped through the looking-glass of *Sgt Pepper* and turned into the world-weary grown-ups of *Abbey Road*

There should have been an even better album.

In mid-1966, the Beatles met to record what John Lennon and Paul McCartney both saw, in their vastly different ways, as an elegy to Liverpool. The sessions produced "Strawberry Fields Forever" and "Penny Lane", memoirs of childhood scenes, one muzzily surreal, one Brownie snapshot-clear. Then the composers' attention wandered to other things. Their two chapters of autobiography were frittered away as a single, to be humiliatingly pipped in the charts by Engelbert Humperdinck.

Early in 1967, they drifted back into Abbey Road studios. It was the era of joke militaria, bought from shops like I Was Lord Kitchener's Valet. Paul McCartney had written a song in that vein of moustachioed whimsy, called "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band". During initial tinkerings with it, an idea occurred to Paul. "Why don't we do a whole album as the Pepper band? We can dub in special effects and things . . ."

The notion of a pop LP as a storybook or symphony, rather than a mere ragbag of tunes, had already occurred elsewhere. The Beach Boys' *Pet Sounds, in 1966*, panoramically evoked their Californian world of sun and surf. Frank Zappa's *Freak Out!*, the same year, was the prototype acid rock reverie. The Beatles were avid mimics as much as they ever were innovators. Throughout the *Sgt Pepper* sessions, Paul McCartney kept saying: "This is our *Freak Out!*".

Not the least stimulus was a feeling of guilt. The world's most hungered-for performers had quietly given up stage performance, bruised and disillusioned after their 1966 American tour. For months they had lived in stockbroker-belt idleness, fretful with luxury, vaguely disturbed by the psychedelic dust blowing over the Atlantic from San Francisco. They wanted to keep contact with their audience, but knew they could never face touring again. *Sgt Pepper* was the compromise: a live performance from the studio.

The Lennon-McCartney material that happened to be on hand was stupendous. From his boredom and fidgets in Weybridge, John had written "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" and, his masterpiece, "A Day in the Life". Paul's melodic and lyric gifts had touched new heights in "She's Leaving Home", a novel in miniature about a fugitive spinster, her grieving parents and the "man from the motor trade". Though John and he now wrote quite separately, each remained a vital creative element in the other. Even for "A Day in the Life", John borrowed a middle eight from Paul as naturally as an indiarubber or comb.

The supporting players were as on form as their permanent eclipse allowed. George Harrison's "Within You Without You" seemed to contain every sitar and joss stick smell in Buddha-crazed London. Ringo left his purdah with the road managers to warble his ritual look-in, "With A Little Help From My Friends".

Between the tracks they dubbed in joke sound effects — farmyard and zoo noises, steam engines, laughter, the rippling "oohs" and "aahs" of children at a circus. Even to their producer, the austere George Martin, *Sgt Pepper's* vaudeville show seemed to take on a life of its own.

Martin never guessed how much the accord and good humour owed to chemical causes. All four Beatles — even cautious Paul — were liberally sampling the "mind-expanding" drug whose initial letters "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" coyly spelled out.

Martin remembers one night noticing that John Lennon looked rather strange, and taking him on to the studio-roof for air. Paul loyally drove him home and joined him in the hoped-for restorative of "turning on" yet again.

The climax was "A Day in the Life". John's dispatch from his own half-timbered House of the Dead. His sole instruction to George Martin was that it must build up to "a sound like the end of the world". To this end, a 41-piece symphony orchestra was hired, with instructions to play whatever came into their heads.

The song's taping was a gala occasion, attended by other pop royalty like Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithfull. The symphony orchestra played in fancy dress, gorilla paws wielding violin-bows. Swinging London never saw such a night of fun, prodigal waste and taking no thought for the morrow.

By the end, *Sgt Pepper* had become a masterpiece no one could bear to finish. They worked one night from 7pm to 3am merely to record a scrap of gibberish for the play-out groove. The final touch was a note of 20,000 hertz frequency, audible only to dogs.

For the sleeve, nothing would do but to commission Peter Blake, London's foremost pop artist. Blake produced his famous collage of the Beatles as psychedelic hussars, set about by faces from the pop art pantheon — Marlon Brando, Tom Mix, Laurel and Hardy, W.C. Fields — plus modern-day joke figures like the boxer Sonny Liston, their own dead bass-player, Stu Sutcliffe, and their ludicrous wax effigies from Madam Tussaud's.

EMI at first rejected the design, fearing massive lawsuits from those whose likenesses had been borrowed. The Beatles had to indemnify their record company against litigation costs up to £20 million. In addition, a hapless secretary had to obtain telephone permissions from as many of the faces as possible. Eventually the only one taken off was Mahatma Gandhi's.

The album was marketed both as work of art and carnival invitation. For the first time ever, song lyrics were printed in full on the sleeve. Inside with the disc were party novelties — paper sergeant's stripes, a picture card, two badges and a false moustache.

The summer until then had seemed choc full of pop records that were revelations, of youth hyperbole that could soar no higher. Yet after June 1, the feeling was that everything had been surpassed. Long before one heard *Sgt Pepper*, one could see its effect — the dazzled eyes, the gently shaking heads, the lips moving in praise almost beyond articulation.

Like almost every Sixties child, I can remember exactly where I was when I first heard it. I had gone down to Sunningdale to interview Diana Dors (who was, indeed, depicted among Sgt Pepper's entourage). She and I, her several small dogs and two kaftan-wearing boy friends sat by her swimming pool, listening to the album play inside the house. I remember with what collisions of disbelief I looked at those bare brown legs, that tumble of platinum hair, those glossy, bee-stung lips, echoing "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely . . . Sergeant Pepper's Lonely . . ."

No pop music was ever so universally popular. The freakiest pothead, in his silver foil garret, could not doubt his mind had been blown to the outermost reaches by "Lucy in the Sky". Grannies and aunties, toe-tapping along with "When I'm Sixty-Four", would never be nervous of long hair again. It was music that somehow mingled with the sunshine, blowing from every boutique-door, sparkling with the King's Road throng, hovering like a benison over the hordes plundering bric-à-brac stalls in Portobello Market.

In the British and US press, intellectual Beatlemania passed all known limits. Kenneth Tynan wrote that *Sgt Pepper* represented "a decisive moment in the history of Western Civilisation". *The New York Times* said it heralded "a new and golden renaissance of song". *Newsweek*'s critic could find a parallel only with T.S. Eliot: "A Day in the Life", he said, was "the Beatles' 'Waste Land'."

America's response launched the Beatles on the last, craziest spiral of their fame. *Sgt Pepper's* release coincided both with the upsurge in student radicalism and a now-insatiable hippie hunger for mysticism in any and every guise. Millions of young Americans sought demagogues and gurus to follow, and lit on the same four psychedelic hussars. *Sgt Pepper's* lyrics became a sacred hippie text, its *Beano*-ish storylines and Scouse in-jokes reverently intoned and ransacked for nuggets of universal truth. "I declare," wrote hippiedom's high priest, Dr Timothy Leary, "the Beatles are mutants. Prototypes of evolutionary agents, sent by God to found a new species . . . They are the wisest, holiest, most effective avatars the human race has ever produced."

A backlash was inevitable, from quarters already chafing at youth's seemingly illimitable prerogative. The BBC banned "A Day in the Life" for drug-taking references, both actual and imagined. A furore erupted over "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds", the worst evidence yet of pop's amoral message to the young. Every *Sgt Pepper* song would ultimately be credited with a junkie sub-text, though almost no one noticed its most barefaced narcotic advertisement. On the cover, at the mystic orchestra's feet, sprouted a row of marijuana plants.

From then on, the sunlight rapidly turned sour. The Drugs Squad began the trawl that would eventually net John and George, though for the present only Rolling Stones were persecuted. The golden renaissance of song proved scarcely effectual in Vietnam, Detroit, the Sinai Desert. Under bright blue skies, human beings shrivelled and burned the way they always had done. *Sgt Pepper's* show was audible no longer only as a descant to pure happiness. "A Day in the Life", about "the lucky man who made the grade", was the music chosen for Joe Orton's funeral.

In August, the Beatles became disciples of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. That Bank Holiday weekend, as they sat at the Maharishi's feet, Brian Epstein their manager was found dead of drink and drugs in Belgravia. That — though none could know it — was the end of the Beatle Luck. Ahead lay drug busts, Yoko Ono, the squalid divisions of Apple; the last painful petering-out.

Twenty years on, it all seems positively quaint. The daring and outrage echo only their wide-eyed innocence. The images that so dazzled and disturbed, now have the cheery blamelessness of pre-war seaside postcards. It's hard to visualize a time when young people seemed thrice-blessed, seeing them today queue up for jobs. Harder still to imagine pop music as youth's secret, binding it fast on its glorious adventure. We know that what pop really exists for is to sell detergent, cat food, privatization and, if need be, the Third World War.

It was not a decisive moment in western civilization. It was just an LP. Yet picking it from the squashed and squalid piles of one's listening past always feels a little special. After all these years, with the matchless songs and ageless charm, there lingers a faint moustachioed poltergeist. That sly brassy overture still makes the neck-hairs bristle, like silver light spreading upward through theatre-curtains.

On the cover, in their satins and silly whiskers, are four young men whom we believed the most fortunate in recorded time. Better to think of them so than of John dead, George faceless, Ringo pathetic. And Paul, the most tragic, fated as he was to begin as Picasso but end up as Mabel Lucie Attwell.

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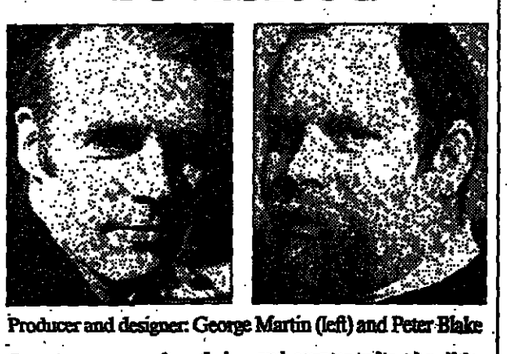
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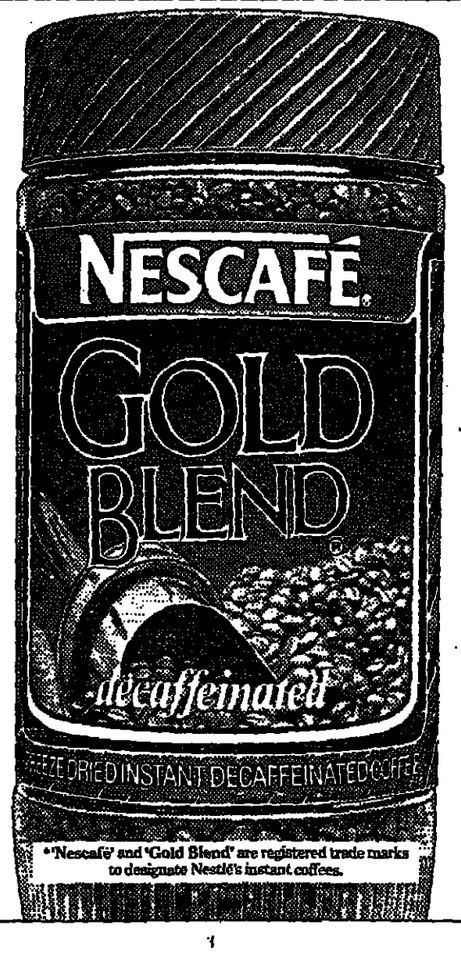
At 8pm on the same evening, a two-hour documentary called *It Was 20 Years Ago Today* can be seen on the ITV network. Eighteen months in production, it places the album in historical context. The era of flower power, psychedelic drugs and counter-cultural politics is defended in the film by such grizzled veterans as the former political activist Abbie Hoffman, the LSD guru Dr Timothy Leary and the poet Allen Ginsberg.

Three weeks after Sgt Pepper's debut, the Beatles appeared before the world on satellite television performing a new song, "All You Need is Love". Twenty years later, the documentary questions the accuracy of their prescription.

"I don't know what you need," McCartney now confesses. Ringo Starr — reputed, like John Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, to have signed a seven-figure contract to write an autobiography — refused to be filmed. Only the normally reclusive George Harrison stands by the old idealism.

Michael Watts

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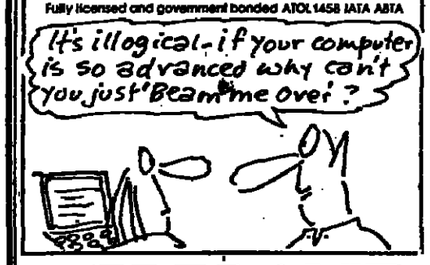
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I rang at once, but the job of ferret keeper in one of PGL Adventure's holiday centres had already gone. They had a full complement of windsurfing and climbing instructors, too. But they were still looking for groupies — helpers, not hangers-on. In PGL-speak, groupies are the adults (aged 20 or more) who mind, marshall and mother groups of youngsters aged seven to 16 taking part in the various activities. Holiday and work inquiries to PGL Young Adventure, Station Street, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7AH (0989 64211).

Six Japanese temples closed since last summer in protest against an "ancient monuments preservation tax" are to reopen without agreeing to collect the money. Five of them, all in Kyoto, are back in business this month. The Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion) is being restored and will not reopen until autumn.

TRAVEL BOOKS

A Guide to Royal London by Christopher Hibbert (Macmillan, £7.95) could be a souvenir as well as a travelling companion. Collectable trivia, like the name of the Queen's whip-maker, punctuates solid scholarship lightly worn. It is generously illustrated with prints and paintings.

"Nearly all airlines cheerfully claim to cater for vegetarians. The reality is rather different," reports Andrew Sanger in **The Vegetarian Traveller** (Thorsons, £3.95). "Most, it would seem, regard dietary peculiarities as a confounded nuisance..." The book advises on how to overcome this indifference and eat well in several languages.

Shona Crawford Poole

From the charm of fairy penguins to a sophisticated city life or the outback's dreamy heat, **Ann Morrow** enjoyed her taste of Australia

Down in the land of red earth

They came up the beach like little tired businessmen at the end of an exhausting day. They had been on the ocean since dawn but now, at dusk and nearly home, they hesitated. Puffing out their white chests, they hovered in silvery-grey groups on the wet sand at the water's edge, barking at each other and scurrying back into the water.

People huddled in duvets and blankets, waiting in the sand dunes to see these moving, funny creatures. The fairy penguins of Philip Island are one of Australia's biggest tourist attractions.

A 30-minute flight to the island; "G'day," said Grant, a baby-faced pilot who did not look old enough to drive. The Piper Aztec soared out over Melbourne, a formal city which still has trams, Victorian architecture and a zoo full of wonderful butterflies, platypus and tree-climbing kangaroos. Levelling out with the Dandenongs, the foothills were speckled with early prunus and apple blossom. Ibis flew in formation as we landed in a field in the evening sun.

Walking through a sandy forest, a soft grey koala looked down from a eucalyptus tree. There was not a twitch of its unheeding tufted ear as it held a green shoot between its paws, getting tiddly on manna gum. Mutton birds, circling self-importantly over the water's edge, signalled the first of the penguins arriving on the next wave.

Many were so full of fish they could hardly walk and pecked abstractedly at their feathers. Some had stiff legs, others damaged wings. They tripped over bits of seaweed and caught each other up for the long waddle to nests of reeds and grass in the dunes: penguin suburbia.

They stood outside their burrows, yawning and preening and moving their flippers up and backwards. The young gobbled up the day's haul of anchovies and pilchards. It also happened to be the mating season so, once inside, there was the most tremendous drumming of flippers as they mated and sang with great enthusiasm, though never in time. Talk about pleased to be home.

We flew home by the light of the Southern Cross taking a right-hand dip over Melbourne's twinkling Arts Centre. This first day had been one of childlike happiness.

The invitation had been specific: "Come for a couple of weeks and discover the flavour of Australia". Visiting again after a five-year gap, smart restaurants were serving, on beds of red clover, witchetty grubs tasting like frogs' legs; there seemed to be more self-confidence. There is a pride in not being a graceful country: a sign at the Hawkesbury river said, "On this site in 1897 absolutely nothing happened".

There was still the same old "she'll be right" complacency, though the country faces an economic crisis; still that lazy optimism, "Aeow, no worries, we have everything we need". That diffident elongated vowel starting a sentence is part of the tall poppy syndrome: never be opinionated. It is a country obsessed by equality.

Broken Hill is a silver ghost town where the old mines have the gaunt beauty of redundant woollen mills in the north of England. Directions to the Muslim temple, built for the early camel drivers, are "turn left into Chloride Street . . . " — all the streets have names like Oxide, Gypsum and Cobalt.

A swirly night of indigestion in a motel water bed after a local delicacy, buffalo with redcurrant and almond sauce, but a brilliant dawn for an expedition to the outback. Only the naïve go alone on this green saltbush trail where stockmen once ran their cattle along the 1,166 lonely miles to Sydney. We set out with Bruce Robjohns — a true "bushie", a bearded, wiry figure who once



Talk about pleased to be home: watching the fairy penguins come ashore on Philip Island

worked for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The casuarina tree smelt subtly of the best curry and, when cut, the beef tree is indeed the colour of rare sirloin. The Sturt pea, a distinctive red-and-black flower, softened the scrub and diamanté sand dunes. In the heat, dead gum trees are splayed against the red earth like fishbones and the harsh beautiful light can X-ray the soul.

We skipped over large lizards snoozing on the ochre pinkish track, to open and shut gates in 30,000-acre paddocks with no end, just a mirage. Mesmerized by more mirages of cool lakes and trees, "ice gods" to the Aborigines, there was a curious sensation that you were sailing across a vast stretch of water. Even the blue of real mountains seemed a deception.

Suddenly a dozen red kangaroos, nose to tail, nine feet tall, hopped out against the blue of the horizon to spring along exuberantly as if in pursuit of some delicious secret.

At last we reached Mootwingee, an Aboriginal ceremonial ground in the Bynguano Range. From the high desert rocks the caves below were tinged with the warm terracotta of Petra.

Some of the Aboriginal cave drawings were just white daubs, others intricate and haunting; one a rainbow serpent. They have lived so long with the fragility and inhospitableness of this land, you sensed a peace and felt privileged to be in this place of liberating sweetness, sharing their dreamtime.

A glitter of red earth against blue, the tiny plane took off from the outback packed with miners off for weekend to "play the pokies" in Adelaide's ritzy casino; a sad end for a lovely 1920s railway station. The city is better known for its gentility and its stately homes; it is surrounded by some of the best countryside in South Australia.

The Murray river rises in the Snowy Mountains and was once dotted with 200 houseboats. Now at Mannum there is a solitary little old-fashioned paddle-steamer, the Proud Mary, lights twinkling and red and white awning reflected in the water, about to cruise along "The Lifeline of South Australia".

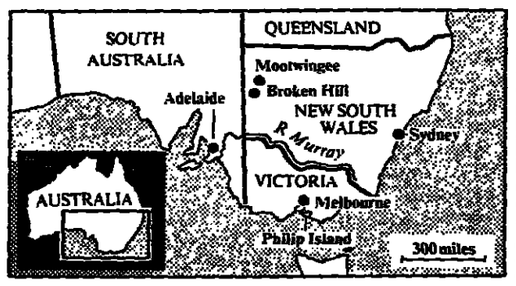
We left for Sydney on the Indian Pacific, a stately train notorious for never being on time. "Indian Pathetic," passengers grumbled.

The train had cleaved through the scrubby dusty reaches of the Nullarbor Plain on its way from Perth. "Cockies" (country people) in bush hats lolled on verandahs, legs outstretched in inert contemplation. Women in faded cotton stood arms akimbo, skin taut; pure Patrick White characters watching their sheep-dogs rush towards the track.

Sydney has always been a stylish city and the bicentennial is the excuse for architects to create a walkway from Circular Quay to the Opera House. Its glamour remains one of life's certainties, twinkling under a roof of Swedish ceramic.

A long Sunday lunch on a terrace brimming with Honolulu lilies, Moreton Bay fig trees, barbecued prawns on the verandah, languidly watching yacht races in one of three bays near Palm Beach. Purple lorikeets pecked at toast crumbs from the tray leaving only a pinky white camellia untouched.

The most patronizing thing you can say about Australia today is that it is a nice place in which to bring up children. You never flirt with this red earth, it does not encourage familiarity. It is a country which quickly makes adults of the young who learn to respect that delicate balance between nature and man. You do not picnic without a compass though the wind may sigh and sough through the tall trees; the sap of the eucalyptus is blue and treacly and ferns grow 40 feet high.



TRAVEL NOTES

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IN THE GARDEN

From field to flower

There are faithful visitors who come every year on open days to admire the work of Pat and Michael Edwards in the village of Albrighton in Shropshire. Some have watched the garden's progress from its juvenile state in 1974 (only six years before then it was a grassy field) to its present maturity and richness — it holds about 2,000 different plants.

When I went there I was struck by the ambitious scope of the overall scheme and the personal intimacy of its various parts. Looking out from the house, you see a sweep of curved lawns, well-grown willows, birches and conifer trees with a view to the distant Wrekin, but as you walk around you discover a series of sub-gardens: terraces, herbaceous borders, bulbs and shrubs, wall plants, herb and alpine beds and woodland paths.

The most dramatic effect is contrived by a beautiful weeping cherry trained into an arch at the top of a flight of steps to cascade like a bridal train in its spring blossom of creamy white flowers. Through summer it is a cavern of green, it turns red in autumn and remains attractive even in winter.

In the front garden, Pat Edwards is painstakingly training the sweet resin-scented branches of weeping cedars into "a kind of evergreen cloister" from where


Clare Roberts

you can look out over the witch-hazels, a favourite of hers (she keeps the National Collection).

Another special interest is dwarf rhododendrons — excellent in small gardens especially in this area with its slightly acid soil. She is knowledgeable about the recuperative powers of winter-stricken Mahonia Charity and can reassure those in despair over their Davidia trees which she says, almost always wait 20 years to produce their white-handkerchief blooms, then blossom robustly each year.

This is a garden of horticulturists and landscapers at home. Pat, loving plants from childhood, became an apprentice — working for a period at Chequers — before getting academic qualifications at Writtle College, where she met her husband and which both their boys later attended. The Edwards's garden is very much an expression of their combined personality, though Pat does nearly all the work. At first glance, it seems too large and complex to be managed single-handedly, but she has calculated that, thanks to good design, it takes her only about an hour a day to look after.

The Edwards family are innovators and use their garden to try out new plants. Those that come out best after three or four years are propagated and sold in their garden centre. At present on trial is the sacred Chinese bamboo *Naninda domestica* (actually a Japanese plant), a half-hardy evergreen shrub which has white flowers in summer and glorious colour in autumn. It is usually said not to be hardy but Pat has found that, while severe cold may make it drop its leaves, it has come through the fiercest winters.

Francesca Greenoak

The Edwards's garden at Swallow Hayes, Albrighton, Shropshire is open tomorrow and June 14, 2-6pm, entry 50p, child 10p.

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If the chef is up at the front, who is minding the stove, asks Jonathan Meades

Francis Moseley



It is increasingly the practice of the chef in a certain class of establishment to go walkabout at the end of an evening, to come out front to take a bow, meet the people, talk them through their meal the way footballers deliver retrospective commentaries on the goals they've scored. This practice can be hideously embarrassing if the punter believes he has just enjoyed three courses of dog food; on the other hand it can allow one the chance to praise a craftsman, celebrate his accomplishments, etc.

Brian Turner, lately of the Capital Hotel, has contrived a novel twist on this practice. He spends the entire "service" out front. Dressed in spongebag trews and chef's whites emblazoned with "Brian J Turner", Mr Turner stands beside a glass screen frosted with the letter "T" for Turner in the dining room of his swish new restaurant Turner's, answers the phone with an assured "Turner's", proffers a menu that tells us that this is Turner's we're eating at.

This might all be a bit much were it not for his cooking – *his* cooking? How can it be, when Mr Turner is directing a waiter, taking a coat, chatting at this table or that? How can it be his cooking when he is so zealously playing the role of chef far from the stove heat? It really might be a bit much were Mr Turner not so congenial a host. It is easy to forgive his immodesty when he has so little to be modest about. The cooking – his design, his fine sous-chef's execution – is of a high order. It is better than the cooking with which he made his reputation at the Capital: whether this is by design or execution is moot. In either case it is not only better but cheaper, too.

Four years ago, when £77 really was £77, I spent £77 on a meal at the Capital which was nowhere near as good as last week's at Turner's, when the damage was £68, including VAT and service (which, like everything else about the place, is showy, efficient, professional). The cooking is better because it is less prone to the sort of understatement Mr Turner used to go in for. Where there was a tendency towards a slightly bogus subtlety there is now a manifest relish in positive flavours, and the obvious talent of the kitchen is directed towards the manufacture of fully-rounded dishes rather than self-conscious display.

There are two hangovers from the Capital: smallish helpings and a clientele that is loud and that doesn't get its tan from a bottle but from taxile – funny money is what they all screech about.

Right, you've got the place's name, now here are some of its goods. They are described in French, subtitled in English – which is a pretentious convention but *not one to get worked up over*. Terrine of rabbit with a fillet of bunny's saddle running through it does have an authentically French, and very welcome, fattiness (suggestive of absolute freshness); it is savoury, intense and its sauce of morels is based on cream and, perhaps, sherry vinegar or an indefinable alcohol. As that dish tastes of rabbit and nothing besides so does a duck pâté taste of that bird. The vegetables along with the main course are worthy, roundhead, austere apart from the potato gratin which is a superior specimen of what has become the chip/french fried/frite of this half decade. Fillets of bream and red mullet, both of them lightly done to show off their freshness, are presented in a sauce which is hauntingly piscine and quite resistible to simile. The sauce that goes with an airy, crisp feuilleté of smoked chicken is not so resistible – like a big buss from an Amazonian fowl who has been in a bonfire.

The cheeses are excellent, the sweets are, too (three-tier numbers with biscuit, strawberries, raspberries, etc) and the back-up – canapés, dressings of the small salads with the starters, friandises – gets the full treatment as well. We drank a white burgundy from a list that could do with a bit of souping up. As I said, £68.

When he was at the Castle Hotel in Taunton, Chris Oakes won numerous plaudits and a Michelin star, which while it is not an invariably reliable gauge of a chef's talent, is a hint that he may know what he's about. Mr Oakes certainly does know what he's about; the cooking at his new restaurant Oakes, on the edge of Stroud in the western Cotswolds, is delightful. The premises are a Gothick house of c. 1810 which has been eagerly repointed. Inside the place has been done up in a manner that recalls a modest tea room – this accords poorly with the cooking. I mean it doesn't look like an ambitious restaurant, and I suspect that Michelin will not re-constellate Mr Oakes while the place remains as it is. Not that he should worry, for the rest of the world will find much to praise; it will not, however, be able to do this to his face. Mr Oakes is perverse enough to believe that his place is at his stove – no show; his cooking though is by no means self-effacing.

He essays with success a number of different manners and some of them are distinctly flashy. For instance there is a fussy-sounding chicken breast stuffed with leaf spinach and served on a lemon cream sauce; in fact this works marvellously well and is served with such generosity that the danger of prissiness is avoided.

Again red mullet is served on a crisp galette of potato and onion and given a smoky, musky sort of sauce: the various flavours involved are by no means obviously complementary, indeed the whole succeeds through a kind of counterpoint. The other dishes were simpler: an eggy onion tart of crisp pastry with a garlicky tomato sauce and a cheese top which could be dispensed with; a splendid warm salad of rare pigeon breast with a julienne of smoked bacon, pine nuts and mixed leaves; a thinnish and powerfully-flavoured leek and potato soup; a super veal loin steak with a meaty marsala sauce.

The cheeses, all the way from Rance of Pangbourne, are good and are served with curiously saltless home-made biscuits; quite why Mr Oakes goes so far for his cheeses when there are excellent ones to be had at Cirencester is a mystery.

Sweets: bread and butter pudding and rhubarb soufflé, both of them slightly less sweet than I would have liked. With a bottle of Puligny Montrachet two will pay about £42 though if they stick to the staggeringly inexpensive set lunch they will get away with much less. This is a fine restaurant, well worth travelling to.

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The cost of a bottle of wine at the Relais des Amis was given as £50 in last week's column. The sum referred to the cost of the meal.

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THE TIMES COOK

Asparagus top tips

Carried away with asparagus? Guest cook Frances Bissell has some suggestions

Now that we are well into the asparagus season, the shops are full of it, from East Anglia and Lincolnshire, from Spain and California. It's easy to get carried away and buy packs and packs of it and then find it a few days later looking somewhat "fridge-worn". Here are some recipes for such over-buying.

What is available now comes in all shapes and sizes from the thinnest sprue to the sturdiest jumbo. These recipes also solve that problem.

Asparagus loaf is good eaten hot or cold, but is best just warm. Serve it alone or with a home-made tomato or watercress sauce. A hollandaise sauce would be delicious, but very rich, as would a garlicky mayonnaise.

Asparagus loaf

Serves 4

2oz/50g flour
1 size-3 egg
¼pt/50ml milk

Filling

12-18 stems of asparagus (depending on thickness, trimmed to fit the loaf tin lengthways)
4oz/110g peeled, seeded and diced tomatoes
2 size-3 eggs
¼pt/50ml or 3 tbsp thick yoghurt and 2 tbsp water
1 tbsp finely chopped parsley
Salt and pepper

Beat the pancake ingredients together to make a smooth batter. With it make 4 large thin pancakes and use 3 of them to line a well-oiled 1lb/450g loaf tin, keeping one to cover the filling.

Wash the asparagus and boil rapidly in salted water for three minutes. Drain and refresh under cold water. Scatter half the tomato, dice over the bottom of the lined loaf tin and then put in the asparagus stems lengthways. Spread the rest of the tomato dice on top. Beat the eggs and milk, or yoghurt and water, together, stir in the parsley and season lightly. Pour the mixture over the vegetables. Fold the overlapping pancakes over the vegetables and cut the last pancake to fit it neatly. Cover with oiled foil and bake in a bain-marie in a pre-heated oven gas mark 3/170C/325F for 50-60 minutes, testing with a knife point to see if it is cooked through. When done the knife point will come out clean. Let the loaf cool slightly in the tin. Turn out, slice and serve.

Diana Leadbetter



For the following recipe, use arborio rice which is available from Italian food shops or good supermarkets (where it is also labelled "Italian risotto rice"). This is a useful recipe for asparagus which is looking a bit tired. It becomes something quite special when cooked with white wine.

Asparagus Risotto

Serves 4-6

8-12oz/230-340g asparagus
Up to 1pt/600mls water
Up to 1pt/600mls dry white wine (or use all water)
2oz/60g butter
12oz/350g arborio rice
2-3oz/60-85g freshly-grated Parmesan cheese

Scrub the asparagus and break off the bottom third. Bring the liquid to the boil and cook these ends until tender. Strain the liquid and discard the cooked part of the asparagus. Boil the rest of the asparagus in the same liquid for 3-4 minutes, remove them, slice into ½inch/2cm lengths and reserve the liquid. Melt half the butter in a frying pan and stir in the rice and add about ¼pt/150mls of the hot liquid. Stir continuously until it is absorbed. Add more liquid and the asparagus, except for the tips and stir continuously until absorbed. Continue to add liquid and let it absorb until the rice is tender and creamy with still a slight "bite" to the centre. You may not need all the liquid. Stir in the rest of the butter, the asparagus tips and the cheese. Serve immediately.

These sprue omelettes are easy to make and can form part of a summer buffet or a pretty starter to a lunch or dinner.

Sprue Omelettes

(makes 12 small omelettes)

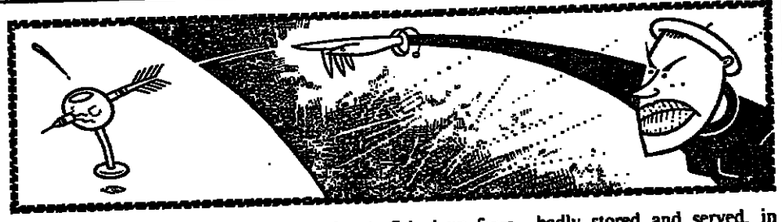
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Salt and pepper
12 sturdy chive leaves, or stalks in flower (optional)

Make 12 individual omelettes, and as each one is cooked, season it lightly and roll it around a few stems of sprue, trimmed so that the points emerge from one end of the omelette. Tie the omelette with a piece of chive if you like.

DRINK

In quest of a good pub wine

Eric Beaumont



What have publicans got against wine? Over the years I have bravely ordered wine instead of beer in pubs, to be rewarded nine times out of 10 with a dull, dreary glassful.

Several weeks ago I struggled through a blind tasting of 18 of the most widely-available white and red pub wines. As far as my tastebuds were concerned, only three were drinkable: Goldener October Liebfraumilch, Cloberg Laski Riesling and Nicolas Vieux Ceps. Checking the crib sheet, it was no surprise to learn that all the samples, bar Teltscher Brothers' ultra-popular Lutomer Laski Riesling, came from the big brewers' own wine divisions and other conglomerates such as Charrington's Hedges & Butler and Allied and Whitbread's Grants of St James's.

The vast majority of the UK's public houses are tied houses, owned by big brewers selling their own brands.

My gripe about the wines served in pubs is not just the intrinsic lack of quality of the wines themselves but the appalling treatment they receive *en route* to your glass.

On rare occasions there will be a range of six or so bottles kept well in a chilled cabinet. Much more likely is the lukewarm, badly-stoppered, half-full bottle of sweet white that is fished up from the bowels of the bar. One look at the dark murky-gold colour will tell you that it was opened weeks ago.

Many of the large brewing and conglomerate groups say they are keen to persuade us to select finer wines from one of their off-licence shelves. Quite why they should be content to dish up their dreariest wines, badly stored and served, in their public houses is a mystery. Even if you do find a drinkable glass of wine in a pub, the price charged is about £1 for a mean measure. Sadly, a standard measure for wine still does not exist. This means that pubs and bars can legally sell any measure of wine they like, at any price.

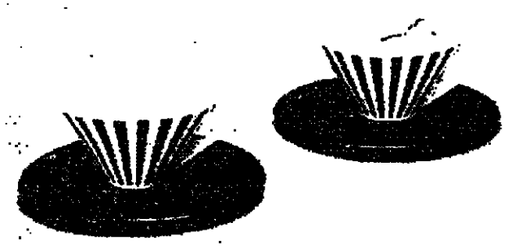
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SHOPPING

Barely essentials

Show your style with accessories, says Nicole Swengley

Pictures by Peter Haldane



Stylish cups and saucers (£24.90 for set of two) from F.FWD

Accessory mania is the latest design fad to hit the high streets. Essential Next — a clutch of lifestyle collectables — was launched yesterday at the new Next megastore in Kensington High Street. Four other branches opened simultaneously in Leicester, Edinburgh and two more in London. A further 20 are planned by Christmas.

Whoever coined the name "Essential Next" has a Martini-dry wit. For whatever else these objects may be, they are by no means essential for daily living. Take the self-filling toothbrushes, for example, or the solar calculators, hand-held TV sets, miniature key-ring "spy" cameras, pocket photocopiers, travelling mini-razors, world time clocks, rubber notebooks and pens which work in zero gravity.



Micro MK 110 key-ring camera (£4.99) from Essential Next

Yet all these things are fun and stylish. And that's the point. Far from being merely functional, these accessories are designed for today's conspicuous consumer society. What they actually do is far less important than what they trill about their owner's "savvy" status as an upwardly mobile, style-conscious gourmet.

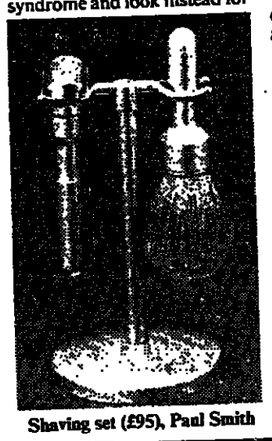
Designer toys of the matt black variety have long been fashionable in America and Japan. In Britain, Paul Smith was first to realize, five years ago, that cult objects — such as the Alessi kettle and Mont Blanc fountain pens — could sell effectively in the context of a fashion shop.

In 1984, Oggetti opened two London shops and, this June, branches out to Bath. Cultivating a deliberately reverential atmosphere, glass cases at Oggetti enshrine the objects of desire apparently so vital for contemporary living — Swiss Army penknives, Filofaxes and Georg Jensen watches.

Hunting down accessories in Europe and increasingly in England, Oggetti has introduced a large range of Italian household products. Its latest lines include the new Zani Italian tableware, black Desk Program pens from Japan, with matching propelling erasers, and jaunty Popeye lighters.

Authentics opened a Covent Garden shop selling stylish furniture and personal paraphernalia in 1985, while Astrohome has continued to build up its accessory section over the past few years to meet current levels of gadget-consciousness. Soho's accessory haunt, F.FWD, followed last autumn and is planning another London outlet.

Worshipping at the cult objects shrine is not wholly F.FWD buyer Marion Williams's personal style. Basing her buying policy on the age-old I-know-what-I-like basis, she explains: "We try to get away from the matt black syndrome and look instead for things that are useful or quirky — less serious accessories which are friendly and characterful objects.



Shaving set (£95), Paul Smith

"We thought our customers would be mainly yuppies. In fact, all sorts of people shop at F.FWD. They come here because they're image-conscious and because we offer an edited selection of accessories in a wide price range — from £2.28 for a mini stapler to a cutlery set at £120."

New for this summer, F.FWD has a selection of well-designed household items such as bagel bins and bookends, plus a small, exclusive range of furniture.

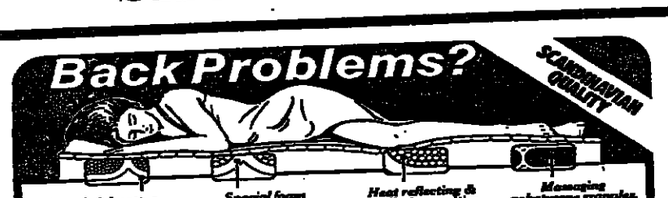
It hasn't taken long for entrepreneur Richard Branson's Virgin empire to jump on the bandwagon. The new Oxford Street store, which opens in July, will contain a special accessory department, with similar units appearing in five other stores around the country on a trial basis. All will offer colour co-ordinated accessories like stationery and watches with the accent on affordability.

Now that so many outlets exist, shopping around seems a good idea, especially as the same item can be priced differently in each shop. An identical mini stapler costs, for example, £2.99 at Essential Next and £5.70 at Oggetti while the Factory desk gadget is priced at £29.95 in Brats, £35 at Astrohome and £39.99 at Essential Next.

Astrohome, 47-49 Neal St, London WC2; **Authentics**, 42 Shelton St, London WC2; **Brats**, 281 King's Rd, London SW3; **Essential Next**, within Next Department Store, 51-60 Kensington High St, London W8; **F.FWD**, 14a Newburgh St, London W1; **Oggetti**, 100 Jermyn St, London W1; **Paul Smith**, 44 Floral St, London WC2.

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Chapel of life

Fran Lebowitz once suggested that the Sistine Chapel would benefit from an acoustic tile ceiling "to cut down on the incredible din produced by all the German tourists". Michelangelo's frescos could then be reproduced on it in acrylic paint, thereby "preserving the form *and* adding a little function".

The Vatican authorities have passed up this radical solution. Instead, as a thoroughly absorbing *Omnibus* (BBC1) reported, they are stripping the ceiling of its accumulated muck and revealing the master's original handiwork.

Cleaning the frescos will take nine years' hard labour; painting them took only four, and they were frequently interrupted. Working feverishly on

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drying plaster, Michelangelo was plainly the leading lightning artist of his age. One wonders whether, say, David Hockney would be prepared to paint such an area per diem, and, if so, whether the resulting work would bear inspection in the 25th century.

The programme tacitly invited one to grab at parallels in other art forms. Seeing Michelangelo's colours revealed in their pristine, curiously innocent-looking glow might be likened to hearing Beethoven's Ninth on CD after having had one's ears syringed.

Also exposed, beneath the "improvements" of earlier restorers, were some original touches that lent new life to old faces. Zaccharíah's beard is not the limp, porridge-coloured floor-mop known to art historians, but a frisky mane of lamb-like vigour. The "gloom" and "pessimism" of the guide-books must now be rewritten.

This programme could have done with rather more side-by-side before-and-after shots, but one assumes that its presenter, John Hale, was at least partly restricted by the material furnished by the Japanese television company which paid for the project.

Martin Cropper

Diving in at the deep end

Tomorrow night sees the start of a new chapter in the life of pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy, as he takes up the post of music director of the Royal Philharmonic. He outlined his plans to Richard Morrison

Alex von Koettlitz



Vladimir Ashkenazy in rehearsal: "If you are music director, you should give your heart and soul to the orchestra"

Why does one of the world's highest-paid and most admired pianists want to bother with conducting orchestras? "I have no real answer to that question," says Vladimir Ashkenazy, 50 this year and recently appointed music director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. "Orchestral conducting was never an *idée fixe*. It just happened: fate! But now that I can stand on the podium and get involved, I have an incredible sense of self-fulfilment."

A fulfilment that playing the piano magnificently cannot bring? "It is the same, and not the same. It is a bigger self-fulfilment because you are giving more of yourself."

Ashkenazy first waved a baton in anger about 17 years ago, wisely learning the craft well away from the limelight (often with the Icelandic Symphony Orchestra). "It is only in the last few years that I have been conducting great orchestras," he says. "Before that it was almost a hobby."

The "hobby" must now be pursued very earnestly indeed, for his new RPO position thrusts him into the centre of London's turbulent orchestral world at a crucial time. Ashkenazy knows this, but maintains a refreshing objectivity. "Well, if we are now at the crisis," he says, "the London orchestras are *always* at the crisis."

Nevertheless, even his appointment indirectly reflects some of the cut-throat rivalry among the self-governing orchestras. Until fairly recently Ashkenazy did his London conducting with the Philharmonia, not the RPO. Indeed, he was the orchestra's principal guest conductor in the early 1980s, taking the Philharmonia on a major American tour. That he would have accepted the job of principal conductor, had it been offered, is an open secret. But the post went to Sinopoli, and relations between Ashkenazy and the Philharmonia deteriorated.

That is the background to the unprecedented public wrangle a few months ago over the £6,000 fee Ashkenazy requested for playing the Rachmaninov *Paganini Variations* with the Philharmonia.

Meanwhile, over at the RPO, a different crisis was looming. André Previn had been lured back to London two years earlier to be the RPO's music director and principal conductor. Last autumn he resigned the former position, issuing a statement which implied that he considered such a position untenable in the current London circumstances. The RPO management promptly (and possibly rather gleefully) offered the job to Ashkenazy, one of Previn's closest friends.

How does Ashkenazy feel about doing the job that some say cannot be properly done? "I liked André's statement very much; it was fair and clear. Do not forget he has another huge responsibility in LA" — the Los Angeles Philharmonic, whose principal conductor Previn became shortly after taking up the RPO job. "To manage two orchestras with full devotion is a mammoth job, especially at such a distance.

"For myself, I have no other orchestra, and when this proposition came I thought, 'If my joining them would mean something in terms of improving their life, then I'll be happy to do it'. If you are music director you should give your heart and soul to the orchestra."

Ashkenazy is not bluffing when he talks about improving the players' lives. He reveals that the RPO is about to take tentative steps towards something that has been talked about in London for 30 years. "The orchestral board and myself have one mind: we want to put the players under contract. And we want to do it ourselves: we are not waiting for someone to come with a gift from heaven."

He continues: "In the past decade the RPO has, let us be frank, gone from the pits to quite a high level of financial security because they played many not very enviable engagements. There are advantages: they survived as a body and are reasonably well off. And there are big disadvantages: when you play music that is not of the first order you begin not to care about the finer points.

"Well, the players say they cannot lead such a life any more: two or three sessions a day, every day, for weeks on end. Principals either get over-tired and quality suffers, or they have to quit for a while and quality suffers because they are not there!"

The RPO's plan is not for immediate, total contractual agreements. It will start in the 1988/89 season and, according to Ashkenazy, involve "maybe a month here and there at first, perhaps tied to André's work and my work. In those periods they will be paid as much as they normally earn through that incredible schedule, but they will be doing only a rationed amount of rehearsals and concerts".

What is to stop the players working on the days off, and what will pay for the scheme? Ashkenazy thinks that it will call for "a lot of devotion from all of us, including André and myself. As for money, we will have to use some of the surplus up, and also delve into private sponsorship more forcefully."

Ashkenazy has worked hard on his conducting technique, and his outstanding musicianship and comradely attitude towards the players invariably earns him their goodwill. So the new partnership looks promising.

But what of Ashkenazy's piano-playing? Nothing could compensate for any diminution in the quality of that phenomenon. Ashkenazy sees no problem. "If I have two RPO sessions during the day, I can still sit down and do two or three hours' piano practice in the evenings," he says. "Nothing too heavy, just to keep in touch with the keyboard."

Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the RPO at the Festival Hall tomorrow (works by Dvorák and Ravel) and on Thursday (Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky). Both concerts begin at 7.30pm.

Designer sound

CONCERT

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Elizabeth Hall

Not surprisingly, the very last echo to ring out from the last of five concerts in the South Bank's *Echoes of Le Corbusier* series was from Iannis Xenakis. It is the music of the Greek architect, engineer and composer, which, for better or worse, has been paired off with the Hayward Exhibition next door.

The very least this early evening series has done is to provide more chances to hear the music of Xenakis played extremely well. What *was* surprising was the nature of that final echo. A thundering peroration of which Beethoven could have been proud reverberated in the wake of some of the most lyrical phrases Xenakis can ever have written.

They were the closing bars of *Suppliantes d'Eschyle*, heard in Britain for the first time in this performance by the London Sinfonietta, directed by Diego Masson.

This continuous suite for brass and strings is unashamed high theatre. A characteristic brass tremolando is chased and tumbled by string glissandi; rapid juxtaposition and alternations of time and timbre act like truly suppliant intakes and exhalations of breath.

The main purpose of the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields' concert, later in the evening, was to set up more echoes: early Schoenberg and late Tchaikovsky faced each other across the interval.

Verklärte Nacht and *Souvenir de Florence* — both works of the 1890s, both originally written for string sextet, and both in D Minor — were certainly rich in resonance. Iona Brown, leading, took pains to point the paradox, emphasizing the heightened awareness of the essentially romantic nerve system of Schoenberg's narrative, and the rigorous, uncompromising abstraction of Tchaikovsky's fretwork.

Hilary Finch

DANCE

Linea Arnolfini
Bristol

Although all four members of this Italian group studied ballet as well as modern dance, their programme (presented in Bristol as an outpost of the Bath Festival) is based largely on gesture.

It is performed entirely to new music, two of the four pieces being played live. Antonella Agati, who formed Linea, presents their credentials in *Visage*, a solo to Berio's eponymous work.

Dressed in black, only her hands and arms are visible at first. They — and the extension of her legs or flexing of her torso under a long loose robe — have to convey all the expression until her face, initially hidden under long brown hair, is revealed. This is an individual, original mode of communication.

A similar mood is explored by two men, Morgan Nardi and Guisseppe Urbano, remaining in opposite corners of the stage — one sitting, the other standing — throughout Steve Reich's *Music for Pieces of Wood*. Only their upper bodies, arms and heads move, in a rhythmic pattern of ordinary gestures.

The three performers are joined by Alessandra Biagiotti, who has a ravishing smile and a lively manner, for *Six Capricci* to a diabolic violin solo by Salvatore Sciarrino (played by Alexander Balanescu) which sounds like Paganini filtered through Schoenberg.

In this and in *Remembering Esenin*, to Nigel Osborne's music played by Timothy Hugh (cello), and Kathron Sturrock (piano), there is more movement, often bizarre, including a curious jumping dance and a revolving solo for a naked trunk rising from a round pillar.

It is all highly unusual and interesting; my reservation is that Agati's choreography shows less range and less daring than the composers whose music she uses.

John Percival

Royal's revival

An attempt to revive Sir Frederick Ashton's *Ondine* will form an important part of the Royal Ballet's production schedule for the 1987-88 season, according to the RB's director, Anthony Dowell. *Ondine* was created in 1958, to a score specially written by Hans Werner Henze, but has not been performed since 1966. Because dance notation was not then in general use, no written record exists, and the feature film that was made of the ballet is incomplete.

However, the dancers who created the leading roles are all still alive and Ashton has authorized an attempt by them to reconstruct the work from memory. As was reported in *The Times* yesterday, if it is to his satisfaction the première will be in May 1988.

The company will also present two new ballets by



Planning: Anthony Dowell

David Bintley (one of them to be premièred during a tour of Australia next summer) and will give Balanchine's *Bugaku* for the first time. Bernard Haitink has agreed to conduct a Stravinsky programme and has chosen *The Firebird*, *Scènes de Ballet* and *The Rite of Spring*.

Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's new productions for 1987-8 will be the dances from Britain's *Gloriana*, with choreography by Michael Corder and designs by Philip Prowse, and creations by Lynn Seymour and Graham Lustig.

J.P.

Aping the conventions

THEATRE IN LONDON

Pain of Youth
Gate, Notting Hill

The latest European rarity to be launched by The Gate's heroic little management is Ferdinand Bruckner's grisly study of student decadence in the Vienna of the 1920s. A great hit in 1928, with a secure place in the history of the German-speaking theatre, *Krankheit der Jugend* now achieves its long-delayed British premiere.

I am grateful to have seen it (in a most workmanlike translation by Daphne Moore); and, in the way of reviewers, I shall express my gratitude in a string of objections. First, the director, Patti Love, draws a dubious parallel between the play and the Olivia Channon case. Both certainly involve drugs, and other forms of self-destructive experimentation, but Bruckner's hell-raisers are very much enclosed in their own time and place — both as post-war children and as the unlucky recipients of a lethally dangerous philosophic tradition that celebrates the will and the rights of the stronger.

In one typical scene, Freder (Tim Woodward), the evil genius of the group, seizes a besotted servant girl and paints her face into a grotesque mask before setting her up as a prostitute. "Nature is there," he observes, "for man to shape to his own will."

The piece takes place in the digs of Marie, a medical student. The undoubted star is Desirée, a runaway countess who emerges from the exams for a party which ends with a suicidal overdose. Desirée is played, by Joanne Pearce, as a capriciously bewitching creature, equally irresistible to boys and girls. In other words, Bruckner invokes the image of the exquisitely self-destructive goddess, thus glamorizing the way of life he appears to be criticizing.

The same kind of double standard infects the very structure of the play. It proceeds by a series of collisions between the strong and the weak. All the characters are linked by a daisy-chain relationship, so that no attachment is ever fulfilled. And the fact that Marie (Sylvia Rotter) has supported young Petrell for two years is a sure sign that he is going to grind her under his heel.

Irving Wardle

THEATRE IN FRANCE

Le Jeu de l'amour et du hasard
On Tour
Les Femmes savantes
Théâtre Porte St. Martin

Marc Enguerand



Monkeying with love: Alain Salomon (left) as Mario and Larry Hager as Monsieur Orgon

Searching for fleas in their ears and walking on the backs of their hands is not the sort of behaviour one expects of the characters in one of Marivaux's most delectable romantic comedies, Le Jeu de l'amour et du hasard (The Game of Love and of Chance). Alfredo Arias's anthropoidal new production of this 18th centry French classic — premièred at the Théâtre de la Commune d'Aubervilliers — is therefore, to say the least, visually startling. It is now out on tour, but is expected to surface in Paris in the autumn.

Literally aping an 18th century craze for monkey-masked theatrical soirées and dressing the real thing up in the silken heights of fashion, Arias does a bit of 20th century lateral thinking and combines the two. Daniel Cendron's handsomely hairy masks miraculously transform the features of the six members of the cast into their anthropoid doubles. Arias's remarkable direction completes their metamorphosis into a troupe of fabulous, cultured hybrids.

Ensnared in the bucolic architectural folly of Claudie Gastine's exquisite design and dressed in her sumptuous period costumes, these precocious ape persons proceed, with acrobatic agility, to scratch about in the vulgarities of monkeyhood, while respectfully caressing the delicate subtleties of Marivaux's deceptively artless scenario. The effect is not only highly entertaining, but also adeptly brings to the surface the work's psychological nuances.

Superficially a simple story of love, game and match — thrown into play by a nobleman promised in marriage swapping identities with his servant in order to observe, incognito, his bride-to-be — the dialogue has a finely observed cultural glitter.

It is doubtful if the author has ever been better served than by the multinational, fluent French-speaking cast of this production. All members of Arias's own company TSE — formed in Buenos Aires and based in Paris since 1969 — they don their personages body and soul.

Larry Hager effectively hunkers down as Monsieur Orgon, the wise old orang-utan of a father to Silvia and Mario. The former is cunningly played by Marilu Marini, the latter transformed into a lively, engaging baboon of a fellow by the agile Alain Salomon. A perfect foil to the conquettish Sylvia is Zobeida's cheeky marmosetian interpretation of Lisette, her maid.

Mario Gonzalez's Arlequin is a gloriously balletic "gibbering" nobody who suddenly becomes a swaggering somebody, as a result of his Master Dorante's *jeu de l'amour*. Dorante, as played by Facundo Bo, is the least satisfying of the characters. Whether it is because of an unhappy kink in Arias's direction, or the actor's reluctance to enter into the animalistic spirit of the production, is not obvious. Contrast this with Dorante's self-conscious attempts at inspecting his armpits, while talking of love.

Much less enjoyable is Catherine Hiégel's feminist direction of Molière's male chauvinist comedy Les Femmes savantes. In this new production by the Comédie Française — exiled to the Théâtre Porte St Martin because of a technicians' strike at the company's usual venue— Hiégel tries to completely reverse the meaning of the play, without changing a word of the text.

Through slightly dewy feminist eyes, Hiégel switches the play's quintessential sense of the ridiculous from the shoulders of *les femmes* of the title on to those of the various men in their lives. Under Hiégel's baton, it is the women who take the lead, strut and reason, while the menfolk busy themselves with being the easily led, weaker sex. The result is a theatrical stalemate.

Bogged down by this misguided game of role-swapping, the play is reduced from a lively battle of the sexes to a dull 17th century bourgeoise sit-com. Inevitably, there is almost no synchronization between the dialogue and the action, which finally becomes as irritating as watching a badly dubbed foreign film.

Claude Lemaire's design is as out of alignment as the direction. A richly decorated staircase is upstaged by what is best described as an adjoining architectural volume, furnished with a trestle table and strung about with astronomical devices. The costumes help to redress the balance a little, concentrating as they do on well turned male legs and nicely bolstered female bosoms.

The cast do their best to put some of the spring back into the originally fast-moving scenario, slowed down to a crawl by Hiégel's laboured intentions. However, their efforts do little more than re-orchestrate the rhythm of the work into a series of uneven drum-banging solos.

By far the most tuneful is Roland Bertin's entertaining execution of a couple of effective tantrums, as Chrysale, the head of the erstwhile family seat of female learning. His rumbustious performance also creams off most of the sympathy; thus putting what one assumes is an unintentional reactionary tomcat among Hiégel's stool pigeons.

Catherine Samié's deliciously silly Bérlis is a successful escapee from Hiégel's funless harem. She floats magically over the rigorous direction, bringing a much needed coherence to the delightful poetry of the text.

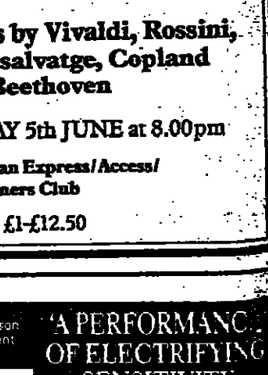
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REVIEW

Mexican hats miss their mark

● **Sombrero Fallout**, by Richard Brautigan (Arena, £2.95)



When I was young, Brautigan's books were somewhere between Borges and Hesse on the new-fangled rotating book-stand by the till on the way out of the Eng. Lit. department. The same principle is applied to racks of crisps and/or chewing gum in supermarkets.

I had put down failure to succumb to these blandishments, in Brautigan's case, to a youthfully fastidious distaste for a man who allowed pictures of himself plus latest girlfriend to grace the covers of his books. I now think, after reading one, that a mysterious instinct for literary self-preservation may have been at work — now, sadly, atrophied by age — and over-exposure to rotating bookstands.

What is *Sombrero Fallout* about? It may well be that it is about cold Mexican hats falling from the sky and the inexplicable reluctance of the natives to pick them up. Certainly this happens at the beginning of at least four chapters (2-3 pages with a lot of blank space either end). However, the significance of this *motif* is lost to me.

Nevertheless the book is shot through — not to say down in flames — by a number of themes bordering on obsessions. Namely sex, and sex and Mr Brautigan. The author's treatment of himself is too cringe-making to go into in much detail. There is a character modestly described as "a well-known American humorist" who "reaches into the typewriter as if he were an undertaker zipping up the fly of a dead man in his coffin".

As to sex, if you're lucky without the participation of the well-known American humorist, I wondered whether my reaction of profound visceral loathing to these passages was peculiar to myself. So I read them to a roomful of young ladies. The appalled silence that greeted this catalogue of cliché-ridden, spine-chilling chauvinism exceeded all expectation. Worse still he writes with a botched pseudo-Hemingwayesque brevity complicated by a point-blank refusal to put words in sensible order. "Revolutionary" according to his publisher — also absolutely infuriating.

Adam Carr

Back to the root

● **Galapagos**, by Kurt Vonnegut (Grafton, £2.95)

Ever since *Slaughterhouse 5* Vonnegut has had the market in the more extreme manifestations of human folly (war, hunger, etc) pretty well cornered.

The premise of this strange book is that evolution, in allowing man to develop a large brain, has made a terminal blunder. A pleasing notion to closet Lamarckians. *Galapagos* brings Vonnegut's lifelong belief in the imperfectibility of human nature to its logical conclusion.

However it is legitimate to ask why, other than his predilection for turning the world on its head, Vonnegut should see a large brain as a crippling evolutionary disability. His argument is that the Devil finds work for idle brains, that our brains are larger than needed for the diurnal drudgery of survival. That surplus cranial capacity is put to species-threatening uses such as writing novels and dreaming up the bomb. After all, would Einstein have had the time for nuclear graffiti on the back of an envelope, had he had to spend every waking moment fighting off starvation by rootling about for unselectively bred neolithic-style tubers?

In defence of this thesis Vonnegut press-gangs a motley crew of incompetents, loonies and con-men into an ill-fated "nature cruise of the century" to the Galapagos. Due to a combination of stupidity, a sterility-inducing virus and war, these castaways become the last viable humans on earth.

Their million-year descent back down the evolutionary ladder to a fish-eating creature very like a seal, is chronicled by the ghost of a decapitated Swedish/American welder, who has declined his dead father's invitation to advance down "the blue tube to the afterlife".

This may sound daft but isn't. In pursuit of *Homo sapiens*'s shortcomings Vonnegut is funny, intelligent, and frighteningly persuasive.

A.C.

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Forty Stories, by John Updike (Penguin, £4.95) Surprises and wit from the master chronicler of modern American urban life
Internal Affairs, by Jill Tweedie (Penguin, £2.95) The White *Guardian Woman*'s burden with birth control in the Third World
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The Erasers, by Alain Robbe-Grillet, translated by Richard Howard (John Calder, £7.95) Pioneering *nouveau romain* set inside the mind of the detective

NON-FICTION

Hitler, by Joachim C. Fest, translated by Richard and Clara Winston (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £8.95) Blockbuster compulsive biography of the demon in historical context
India File, by Trevor Fishlock (John Murray, £6.95) New edition, with Sikh unrest, Indira Gandhi's assassination, and first years of Rajiv by one of Fleet Street's finest foreign corrs
Pop Design: Modernism to Mod, by Nigel Whiteley (The Design Council, £11.95) The first serious and thorough survey of the Pop revolution of our times
Sylvia and Christabel Pankhurst, by Barbara Castle, and **Vera Brittain**, by Hilary Bailey (Penguin, £3.95 each) Lively slim vols in the admirable *Lives of Modern Women* series

Eloquent suicide note

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Tchaikovsky: Symphony No 6. NYPO/Bernstein. DG 419 604-2 (CD)
Bruckner: Symphony No 9. Oslo PO/Talmi. Chandos DBRD 2010 (two black discs)
Nielsen: Symphony No 1, *Little Suite*. Swedish RSO/Salonen. CBS IM 42321 (black disc)
Zemlinsky: Die Seejungfrau, Psalm 13. Berlin RSO/Chailly. Decca 417 450-2 (CD)
Wagner: Polonia, Rule Brittania, marches. Hong Kong PO/Kojian. Marco Polo 8.220114 (CD, also on black disc)
Strauss: Symphony in D minor, *Interkudio, Kampf und Sieg*. Hong Kong PO/Schermerhorn. Marco Polo 8.220323 (CD, also on black disc)
Strauss: Symphony in F minor. Slovak PO/Halasz. Marco Polo 8.220358 (CD, also on black disc)
Zemlinsky: Symphony No 2. Slovak PO/Seipenbusch. Marco Polo 8.220391 (CD)



Adagios that ache from note to note, coupled with several immense climactic silences, extend the duration of Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" to very nearly an hour, which might seem enough to rule out Bernstein's new recording as preposterous.

However, if this great performance has any faults — and it is difficult to be sure it has, when it commends itself so utterly as a unified conception — they are perhaps in the dynamism of the fast music, especially in the first movement. This is where Bernstein seems to be dramatizing the music, turning it to express something of his own *brio*; whereas his slow tempos, and the dark orchestral colours that go with them, are never at all self-indulgent.

Rather the music is curiously internalized, and in that way ennobled. The grand melodies of the outer movements are not sung but appear to sing themselves, not displaying self-pity but communicating an interior debate. If, as now seems inevitable, this symphony has to be accepted as a suicide note of terrible eloquence, then the conductor's responsibilities are awesome, and Bernstein's exposure of himself to those responsibilities is more than impressive. He plays dangerously because he has to: the stakes are that high when we are hearing not merely some reflex of homosexual guilt but the ego's death-song to itself.

Bruckner's contemporary Ninth Symphony also has to do with death, if only because its finale was never finished. Or never finished until now: the new Chandos recording offers a first chance to hear the completion by William Carragan, an American physics professor. His movement efficiently strings together Bruckner's sketches and adds a coda; but the result is necessarily incoherent (so many of the sketches sound like steps between larger things that never come), and the ending, though majestically Brucknerian, also has the ineradicable flavour of the big band.

But, with commendable honesty, Yoav Talmi and the Oslo Philharmonic perform the sketches too, so that we can all hear what Bruckner wrote and dream our own conclusions. Their performance throughout has the same honesty in its lucidity and inner force, and the recording would be highly recommendable even if it only offered the three movements Bruckner accomplished.

A third symphony from the early 1890s, Nielsen's *First*, is powerfully projected by Esa-Pekka Salonen in the latest release in his Nielsen cycle; and to this gritty piece there is a very pleasant antidote in the Little Suite for strings, played by the New Stockholm Chamber Orchestra.

Riccardo Chailly's recording of Zemlinsky's symphonic poem **Die Seejungfrau** introduces a work that was forgotten between its 1905 premiere and a revival in 1984. Peter G'ulke, in an admirably full note, suggests that the composer felt his work had been overshadowed by Schoenberg's *Pelleas und Melisande*; if so, he had good reason. Playing for 40 minutes, *Die Seejungfrau* is prolix and repetitive, and though much of the scoring is beautiful, the ideas lack the definition of Strauss's or the rich implications of Schoenberg's. Perhaps Christoph von Dohnanyi's cut version, to be played at the Proms, will be a more successful rescue of this little mermaid, but Chailly's record is well worth hearing for the gloriously austere setting of Psalm 13 that Zemlinsky wrote in 1935, concluding a symphony of psalms that he had spread through his output. I wonder how the three works would sound together.

The adventurous and exploratory Marco Polo list, imported here by Pinnacle Records, is particularly strong in Austro-German oddities, none odder than the Wagner ephemera recorded in Hong Kong. The overtures **Polonia** and **Rule Brittania** are essays in borrowed patriotism dating from 1836; the *Kaisermarsch* and the *Grosser Festmarsch* (for the first American centennial) are works of the 1870s. All four are, of course, colossally rhetorical, but the marches, particularly the *Kaisermarsch*, turn out to be as much for mastersingers as for military men, and there are other hints of the operas too, such as the presage in *Polonia* of a key phrase from the Dutchman's narration.

The two Strauss symphonies, both very early, are not so filled with echoes: rather they show the composer moving between the ages of 17 and 19 from the world of Mendelssohn and Schumann (in the D minor work) to that of Tchaikovsky (in the F minor). Included with the D minor symphony are two later curios: the interlude written for a Wagnerized revival of *Idomeneo*, weirdly suggesting the possibility of a late Romantic Mozart, and the barbasic *Kampf und Sieg*.

Unlike these pieces of juvenilia and hick work, Zemlinsky's **Second Symphony** can stand on its own merits. Conventional in form and proportion, it aspires from an age of doubt towards a buoyant B flat major, and in the first two movements achieves a curious forced, oppressed optimism. As with so much Zemlinsky, there is nothing quite like it: the scherzo, certainly, is difficult to forget.

Paul Griffiths

One for the fans

ROCK RECORDS

Simple Minds Live In The City Of Light (Virgin SMDL 1)
Little Steven Freedom No Compromise (Manhattan MTL 1010)



Little Steven: anti-ideological idealism

***In the City of Light* is a double live album that will delight Simple Minds fans, particularly the more recent converts, while leaving the rest of us little the wiser.**

The black and gold graphics on the sleeve are redolent of the artwork on *The Joshua Tree*, and somewhere during the swirling pomp and splendour of "Sanctify Yourself" one begins to lose track of whether Simple Minds sounds like U2 or vice versa.

As the whole "double-live" syndrome suggests, Simple Minds has not reached platinum status without the giving of hostages to big boys' rock band thinking, and the cool methodical atmospherics of "Someone Somewhere in Summertime" and "Big Sleep" tend to be in the minority. More typical are Charlie Burchill's bold, clanging guitar chords in "Waterfront", and Jim Kerr's portentous melodramatic vocal delivery.

In contrast to the vague spiritual theme of favourites like "Promised You a Miracle", "Book of Brilliant Things" and "New Gold Dream" there is a bumfisted attempt at Sly Stone's "Dance to the Music" and a more temporal message in the anti-apartheid chant "Sun City", neither of which makes the slightest dent in the impression that the group has hoisted itself up to a remote and inaccessible pedestal, from where its glossy rootless music provides no anchorage against the danger of drifting off into the mass-marketing ether.

"America's on trial", according to the lyric of Little Steven's "Sanctuary" and on *Freedom No Compromise* the former E Street Band guitarist has got more than a few words to say on behalf of the prosecution. Despite being swamped by Steven's all-purpose anti-ideological idealism, the album yields some pretty reasonable music in the conventional American rock'n'roll rebel mode. And Springsteen joins in the fun on a reggae/African chant, "Native American".

David Sinclair

Kind of a classic

JAZZ RECORDS

Miles Davis Kind of Blue (CDCBS 62066)
Keith Jarrett etc *ECM Spectrum Vol 1* (ECM 831 623-2)

After 25 years of intimacy, **Kind of Blue** is the dearest of old flames, custom having signally failed to stale its infinite beauty.

Jazz fans are not being particularly well served by the CD schedulers, who must juggle their limited manufacturing capacity to satisfy the demand for Beatles reissues, *Graceland* and Vivaldi's greatest hits. New converts to the medium, whose first instinct is probably to form the bedrock to a new collection by acquiring digitally-remastered versions of their favourite classic recordings, will find a frustrating hotch-potch of material in the jazz racks.

At last, though, the small silver disc has been allowed to bring *Kind of Blue*'s lustre up all fresh and new, burnishing the individual sounds of Davis's trumpet, Cannonball Adderley's jubilant alto saxophone and John Coltrane's haunted tenor to a brilliant gleam.

Perfectly contrasted and balanced, these three represent the finest front line ever assembled in modern jazz, and — with Bill Evans and Wynton Kelly dividing the piano duties, Paul Chambers on bass and Jimmy Cobb behind the drums — this was their masterpiece, every bar charged with the thrill of discovery. Its reappearance reasserts its standing as one of the few pieces of recorded jazz incapable of distortion through the new perspectives created by time's erosions.

Perhaps more than any other, this album was responsible for turning the course of modern jazz towards the contemplative mode crystallized in the sort of chamber jazz for which the ECM label became famous in the 1970s, and which has more recently deteriorated into the muesli-fed blandness of New Age music.

ECM Spectrum Vol 1 offers an overview of the label's achievements, sampling the work of some of its most popular artists, such as Keith Jarrett, Jan Garbarek and the group Oregon. Guitarists will particularly relish the opportunity to compare the playing of Pat Metheny, Egberto Gismonti, John Abercrombie and the marvellous Norwegian tone-poet Terje Rypdal.

A brooding piece from Charlie Haden's Liberation Music Orchestra and John Surman's heart-rendingly lovely "Doxology" would distinguish any anthology; this one, containing 63 minutes of music at the regular CD price, is strongly recommended to those who have yet to make up their minds about the ECM philosophy.

Richard Williams

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Musical Cabinet

It is nice to think that one of the last things the Cabinet did before the election was to approve a concert. Pavilion Opera was due to give a concert on July 15, to raise money for the Courtauld Institute's move to Somerset House in two years' time; but because of preparations for the move, Somerset House was not a suitable venue. Lancaster House was the only comparable alternative, but it is a royal palace. So permission had to be got from a Cabinet minister. Environment Secretary Nicholas Ridley gave his provisional approval but said he would have to get the Foreign Secretary's imprimatur too. So it was that a performance of *The Marriage of Figaro* for an audience of 200 was on one of the last Cabinet agendas of the Parliament.

● **Fed up with having no one more famous in their bit of *London's East End than* novelist Israel Zangwill to honour with a blue plaque, Tower Hamlets' ruling Liberals have decided to honour the buildings themselves instead. Six buildings in Bow have been earmarked so far, led by a rather smart block of executive flats now rejoicing in the name of Driftway — it was the first Dr Barnardo's school for disabled children.**

Culture clash

Roger de Grey, president of the Royal Academy, and Jeremy Isaacs are the unlikely umpires who will lead two teams on to the Oval Test match wicket today, when a side led by painter, composer and writer Tom Phillips takes on another containing art critics. The match celebrates Phillips's 50th birthday, which some may have felt amply enough marked by Channel 4's showing of his film *Dante's Inferno*. "Yes, but this is a way



Phillips and Murdoch

of doing it without showing off — I haven't wielded willow for 36 years and I'm giving them all a champagne lunch, whoever wins," said Phillips. But he hopes for a winning performance from Iris Murdoch, whose new portrait by Phillips is on show at the National Portrait Gallery, as the commentator.

Phoenix rising

The persuasive powers which coaxed personal treasures from rock and pop stars like Pete Townshend and George Michael for last month's auction, which raised a record £27,000 for Phoenix House, the drug rehabilitation charity, have been at work again. Ex-painter David Tomlinson, now Phoenix House's director, has persuaded Saatchi and Saatchi to donate printing and advertising worth £100,000 for a summer campaign to help the charity's current appeal for £5 million.

Simon Tait

OUTINGS

CHAMPIONS FOR CHARITY: Dogathon in aid of the Canine Defence League. Four-mile sponsored walk around the park and an exemption dog show with four pedigree and eight novelty classes. Sponsorship forms may be obtained at the college. Regent's College, Regent's Park, London NW1. Dogathon starts 11am, dog show 1pm. Pedigree registration 50p, novelty 30p.

WELSH NATIONAL STEAM AND AGRICULTURAL SHOW: Gathering of vintage steam engines, early transport and agricultural machinery, old-time fairground, circus acts, heavy horse displays, aerobatics and tug-of-war. Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells, Powys. Today, tomorrow 10am-6pm. Admission, adult £2.50, child £1.

DOWN ON THE FARM: Activity day for children at this delightful farm museum with demonstrations of spinning, baking, snip rug and corn dolly making. Calves and young sheep to be seen plus a scarecrow-making competition. Church Farm Museum, Skegness, Lincs. (0754 66656). Today 10am-5pm. Adult 40p, Child 20p.

WRITTLE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Farm and garden day with demonstrations of horticultural techniques, a craft fair and many plants for sale. Writtle Agricultural College, Chelmsford, Essex. Tomorrow 11am-5.30pm. Admission, adult £1.50, child 50p, under-10s free.

Judy Froshaug

CHESS

Original tactics

For some years the British Chess Federation has been producing its own magazine, *Newsflash*. Formerly an amateurish effort, stitched together on a home duplicating machine, *Newsflash* has been transformed into a high-quality, fortnightly glossy publication.

The following impressively-original game is taken from the May 8 issue of *Newsflash*. This covers, among other things, the sparkling result of the British Champion, Jon Speelman, at Beer Sheva, Israel, where he tied for first place with Viktor Korchnoi.

White: Ivan Farago; Black: Jon Speelman. Beer Sheva 1987. Modern Nimzowitsch Defence.

1	d4	Nc6			

Introduced into Grandmaster practice in the game Sämisch-Nimzowitsch, Baden-Baden 1925. This is a highly unusual defence, but one which appeals to Speelman's inventive and combative style. White's best reply is the restrained 2 Nf3.

2	e4				

If 2 d5 Ne5 3 f4 Ng6 4 e4 Black gains excellent counterplay either with 4 . . . e6 (Geruse-Miles, Porz 1981) or 4 . . . e5 (Weinitschke-Bogolyubov, Elster 1938).

2 —		e5	3	d5	Ne7
4	e4	Ng6	5	Be3	Bb4+
6	Nd2	Nf6	7	f3	Qa7
8	Ne2	0-0	9	g3	a5
10	Bh3	Re8			

White's opening has not been a success. Black already has a fluent development which is reinforced by his imminent Queen's side advance.

11	Qb3	c6	12	0-0	b5
13	exb5	cxd5	14	a4	

If 14 exd5 Nxd5! 15 Qxd5 Bxe3+.

14 —		d4	15	Bf2	Bb4
16	Rad1	Bb7	17	Nc4	d5
18	exd5	Bxd5	19	Qd3	Rad8
20	Bf5	e4			

The Hungarian Grandmaster is now driven from pillar to post.

21	fxe4	Rxe4	22	Nbd4	Nxf2
23	Rxf2	Bc5	24	Qc3	Bxc4
25	Qxc4	Ne5	26	Qc3	Qa7

White resigns. If 27 Rfd2 Bxd4+ 28 Rxd4 Rxd4 29 Rxd4 Qxd4+ 30 Qxd4 Nf3+ winning a Rook.

So popular was Jon Speelman's simultaneous display on May 17 that there will be a repeat performance at Hatchards, Piccadilly on June 13 starting around 1pm. There is no fee required to play against the champion.

Raymond Keene

Newsflash costs £12 for a year's subscription and can be ordered from Room 270, The Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool St, London EC2.

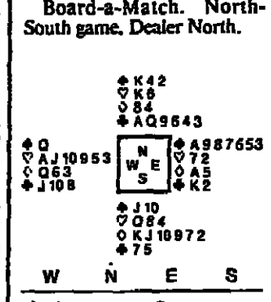
BRIDGE

Key to Board-a-Match

The Reisinger Board-a-Match tournament is acknowledged as one of the toughest team tournaments in the world. Yet it was won by a staggering eight boards when the current holders of the world title, Pender, Ross, Stansby and Martel, joined forces with Boyd and Robinson, members of last year's victorious American team in the Rosenblum cup, in Miami.

Some people decry Board-a-Match scoring, but it provides a superb test of discipline and judgment in the bidding combined with accuracy in the play. Here is an example:

Board-a-Match. North-South game. Dealer North.



W	N	E	S
Pender		Ross	
—	1♣	1♠	No
2♡	No	2♠	3♡ (1)
Double (2)	No	No	No

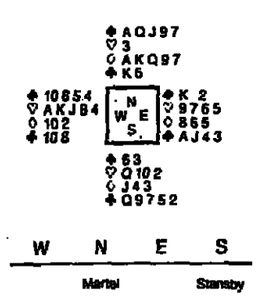
Opening lead ♠Q

(1) Tempting, but especially imprudent at this method of scoring.
(2) Pender is renowned for being quick on the trigger.

Declarer covered the ♠Q with the ♠K, losing to the ♠A. Ross returned the ♠3 for Pender to ruff. Pender switched to the ♣8, and Ross was in again when the club finesse lost to his ♣K. The effect of a third spade was to promote Pender's ◇Q, which with the two red aces totalled six tricks for the defence, a 500 penalty and a winning board.

The next hand illustrates the special considerations that arise from Board-a-Match scoring.

Board-a-Match. East-West game. Dealer South.



W	N	E	S
	Martel		Stansby
—	—	—	No
No	2♣	No	2♡
No	2♠	No	2NT
No	3♡	No	3NT
No	No	No	—

Opening lead ♡A

Three no trumps was not a thing of beauty. East contributed the ♡9 on the heart lead, discouraging by his methods, so West switched to the ♣10, covered by the ♣K and won by East with the ♣A. When East returned the ♡5 and the ♡10 lost to the ♡J, a two-trick defeat appeared inevitable. But West, confused about the lie of the hearts, switched to the ♠4.

For Martel this reprieve was sufficient. He took the ♠A and cashed five rounds of diamonds, forcing East to reduce to four cards: the ♠K, and three clubs headed by the ♣J. Now came a club from dummy, on which East followed with the ♣3.

Everything turned on who had the ♣8. If it was East, Martel must finesse the ♣7, and then put East on play with the ♠K to give him a further club finesse. Martel rejected this line because if unsuccessful he would go three down.

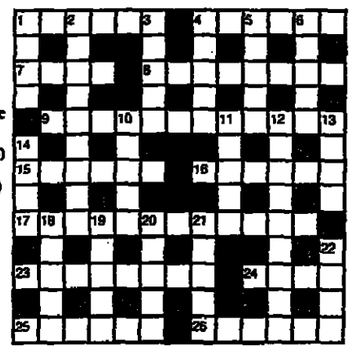
Furthermore he assessed that even one down would suffice to win this difficult hand. So he played the ♣9, and was delighted to see West's ♣8. Now he could afford the luxury of putting East on play to make his contract.

Yes. That is the guideline for success at Board-a-Match. Never give back an advantage that you have achieved in the early play.

Jeremy Flint

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1270

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, June 4. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, June 6.



ACROSS

1 Move (6)
4 Most recent (6)
7 Effeminate (4)
8 With oily charm (8)
9 1972-84 poet laureate (4,8)
15 Swiss/French lake (6)
16 Smokestack (6)
17 Perplex, confuse (12)
23 Follower (8)
24 Pink (4)
25 Anticipate (6)
26 Wrangle (6)

DOWN

1 Talbot House (3,1)
2 Enclosures (9)
3 Bread fragment (5)
4 Lawful (5)
5 Temporary ceasefire (5)
6 Steam bath (5)
10 Not ever (5)
11 Outing (5)
12 Outrageous (9)
13 Invalid (4)
14 Old (4)
18 Cross-ref list (5)
19 Daisy-like flower (5)
20 Awkward (5)
21 Nick (5)
22 Scots channel (4)

Entries for last Saturday's Prize Jumbo Crossword must be received by Monday, June 8. The names of the winners and the solution will appear on June 13.

SOLUTION TO NO 1269

ACROSS: 1 Durham 4 Bonded 7 Vows 8 Nightcap 9 Linkman 11 Jabot 12 Prince of Wales 15 Sinew 16 Calibre 20 Debonair 21 Soot 22 Exempt 23 Either
DOWN: 1 Develop 2 Rowan 3 Manna 4 Buga 5 Decibel 6 Depot 10 Macaw 11 Jewel 13 Ignoble 14 Shelter 15 Sedge 17 Agree 18 Broth 19 Halt.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



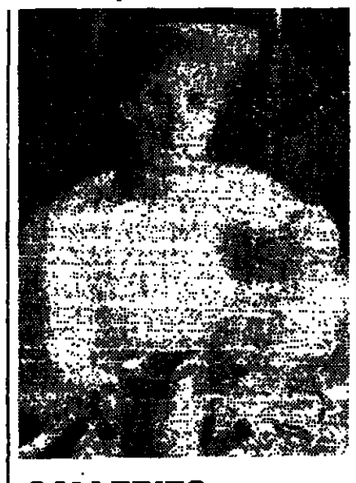
ROCK

MOUNTAIN HIGH: Tina Turner was born Annie Mae Bullock 48 years ago. From picking cotton in the 1940s, to starring in her husband's soul revue show in the 1960s and eventually emerging as a million-selling solo star of the 1980s, she has remained a person of astonishing vitality and charisma. She rarely delivers less than her action-packed best on stage. SEC, Glasgow (041 248 3000) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) from Friday for four nights.



OPERA

MODERN MANON: Neil Shicoff, the New York-born tenor, sings Des Grieux in Massenet's *Manon* at Covent Garden in Tuesday's gala performance, the first time it has been heard there for almost a quarter of a century. Shicoff came to prominence on the American East Coast in the mid-1970s and sang with the Scottish and Welsh National Opera companies before his London debut as Pinkerton. He played Des Grieux at The Met earlier this season. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), Tuesday at 7pm.



GALLERIES

FEMALE TOUCH: Winifred Nicholson, who was born in 1893 and died in 1981, was one of that tiny minority of British woman artists whose work not only survived comparison with that of her now more-lauded male colleagues, such as her husband, Ben Nicholson, but seriously influenced their styles. A retrospective of her landscape and still-life pictures, including a number of colourful late abstracts painted with the aid of a prism, is on show at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313) from Wednesday.



FILMS

BODY MATTERS: Jane Fonda forgoes films with causes for the joys of playing a boozy small-time actress in *The Morning After* (15). Waking up next to a dead body after a one-night stand, she takes flight and gets involved with a charming redneck (Jeff Bridges) but the body still dogs her. Raul Julia co-stars as Fonda's estranged husband, a Beverly Hills hairdresser anxious to re-marry. Sidney Lumet directs the tall story — the first of his 33 films not to be made in New York. Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111), from Friday.



THEATRE

OH BROTHER: Hywel Bennett has been busy with television and advertising work recently, but now he is to play Andrey, the brother to the Three Sisters, in Chekhov's play in the West End. Elijah Moshinsky's Greenwich Theatre production has been partly re-cast. Sisters Sara Kestelman and Katharine Schlesinger are joined by Francesa Annis, while Susan Penhaligon plays wife to Bennett and Geoffrey Chater is Dr Chebutykin. Albery (01-836-3878). Previews today, Monday and Tuesday. Opens Wednesday.



BOOKS

POET OF LIFE: Margaret Atwood is a subtle and funny observer of the relations between women and men. In her new collection of short stories, *Bluebeard's Egg*, the Canadian writer ventures into less conventional topics: a man finds himself surrounded by women who are becoming paler, more silent, and smaller; an artist stalks the men she wants to use as naked models. One of our finest writers in top gear with increasing range and confidence. *Bluebeard's Egg* is published by Cape on Thursday at £10.95.

THEATRE

OPENINGS

BET NOIR: New play by James Mundy about a compulsive gambler. Celia Bannerman directs Robin Soans. Young Vic Studio (01-928 6363). Opens Tues.

THE HEADLESS BODY: Bryony Lavery's musical thriller, with magic effects supervised by Ali Bongo, is the centrepiece of this travelling tent theatre's summer season. London Bubble Tent, near Rangers House, Blackheath, London SE3 (01-237 4434). Preview Tues. Opens Wed. Until June 7.

JULIE WHAT IS WRONG?: British premiere of latest play by Grips Teater, West Berlin, translated by Peter Gilbert. Six adult actors play a family including a one-year old, a jealous five-year-old and the dog. For all ages from five. Shaw (01-388 1394). Opens Thurs. Morning and afternoon shows until June 20.

TOOTH OF CRIME: Genuine rock musician Jack Bruce (Cream, Graham Bond Organization) in a new production of Sam Shepard's rock-fantasy originally based on Cream's short-lived but worldwide success. Music re-arranged by Bruce and MD Andrew Bett. Directed by Phil Setren. Bridge Lane Theatre, Battersea, London SW11 (01-228 8828/5158). Preview Thurs. Opens Fri.

SELECTED

NO WORRIES: Welcome return of a spell-binding musical play from Australia; for children and adults. Young Vic Theatre (01-928 6363).

MY SISTER IN THIS HOUSE: Why two maids killed their mistress — the real-life crime that inspired Genet's play. Hampstead Theatre Club (01-722 9301).

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Tom Baker prises out the guilt in successful revival of Priestley evergreen. Westminster Theatre (01-834 0283).

THREE SISTERS: Transfer of praised production from Greenwich. Albery Theatre (01-836 3878).

CONCERTS

ASHKENAZY/ACCARDO: Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the RPO in Ravel's *Alborada del Gracioso* and *Daphnis et Chloé*. In between Salvatore Accardo solos in Dvorák's *Violin Concerto*. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

AHRONOVITCH/SHAHAM: Gill Shaham solos in Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 2 with the LSO under Yuri Ahronovitch. Fore and aft: excerpts from Rimsky-Korsakov's *The Legend of the Invisible City of Kitzeh* and Shostakovich's *Symphony No 5*. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

NEW LIGETI: Julian Jacobson gives the first complete UK performance of Ligeti's *Etudes pour Piano*, also Schubert's "Wanderer" Fantasy D 760 and Debussy's *Préludes* Book 2. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Mon, 7.45pm.

ALL MOZART: Goldsmiths' Choral Union, the London Mozart Players and various soloists combine for Mozart's last three choral works, viz: *Davidde Penitente, Ave Verum Corpus* and the *Requiem*. Brian Wright conducts. Festival Hall, Tues, 7.30pm.



● **Yehudi Menuhin's association with Sir Edmund Elgar (both above) goes back to his boyhood recording of the Violin Concerto, with Elgar himself conducting. On Friday Sir Yehudi takes the baton with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in an all-Elgar programme comprising the Cockaigne Overture, the Cello Concerto (the soloist is Felix Schmidt) and the "Enigma" Variations. Barbican Centre (01-628 8795), 7.45pm.**

ENLIGHTENED ORCHESTRA: Using original instruments, the Orchestra of the Enlightenment performs Mozart's *Don Giovanni* Overture, Symphony No 36 "Linz" and "Haffner" Serenade K250. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts. Barbican Centre, Tues, 7.45pm.

BEAUX ARTS: The famous Beaux Arts Trio performs Beethoven's Piano Trio Op 1 No 3, Dvorák's Trio Op 65 and Ravel's Trio. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Fri, 7.30pm.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Two last performances of Massenet's *Werther* tonight and Mon at 7.30pm with Francisco Araiza and Agnes Baltsa. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: David Pountney's sleazy updated *Carmen* returns to the repertoire on Wed at 7pm, this time with Jean Rigby in the title role, Arthur Davies as Don José, and Peter Robinson conducting. Tonight and Thurs at 7.30pm, Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld*; and on Tues and Fri at 7pm Pountney's powerful production of Shostakovich's *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk* with Josephine Barstow. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

ENDYMION MUSIC THEATRE: Exciting triple-bill of *The Combat of Tancred and Clorinda* by Monteverdi/Berio, Harrison Birtwistle's *Down by the Greenwood Side* and Michael Nyman's *Wide Brims, Narrow Minds*. John Whitfield conducts performances on Wed, Thurs, Fri and June 6 at 8pm. Donmar Warehouse, London WC2 (01-240 8230).

ROYAL COLLEGE RARITY: British premiere of *Sister Aimée*, an opera by Odaline de la Martinez based on the controversial life of a revivalist leader in the American South. Performances on Thurs and Fri at 7pm by students of the RCM in their new Britten Theatre. RCM, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 (01-589 3643: tickets free).

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL: Tonight, Mon and Thurs at 6pm, Peter Hall's new production of *La traviata*, conducted by Bernard Haitink and with Marie McLaughlin and Walter MacNeil. Tomorrow at 4.15pm and Tues and June 6 at 5.15pm a revival of last year's *Carmen*, with Maria Ewing tonight and June 6 and Mariana Cioromila on Tues. All tickets are, of course, sold, but some returns may be available. Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111).

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

THE UNPAINTED LANDSCAPE: An important show in which 15 artists, whose medium is anything but paint, describe their response to Scottish landscape using their unconventional media. Artspace Galleries, 21 Castle Street, Aberdeen (0224 639539), Tues-Sat 9.30am-5pm, free, until June 24. From today.

BRITISH PAINTING OF THREE CENTURIES: Works by Van Dyck, Reynolds, Lawrence and Joseph Wright of Derby indicate the quality of this survey. Thos Agnew & Son, 43 Old Bond Street, London W1 (01-351 5242), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Thurs 9.30am-6.30pm, free, until July 24. From Tues.

JOHN PLAYER PORTRAIT AWARD: 44 works, by big guns as well as young hopefuls, submitted in the competition for an £8,000 first prize, the winner of which is announced on Tues. National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until August 31. From Wed.

SELECTED

WILLIAM SCOTT: A selection from 30 years' work by an artist who paints the semi-abstracted shapes of household objects to surprisingly varied effect. Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2488). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until June 20.

DANCE

BALLET DU LOUVRE: This French company visits Cardiff with a production of *Giselle* by Eugene Poliakoss, starring Noella Pontois and Rudolf Nureyev. Elisabeth Maurin replaces Pontois Wed matinée. St David's Hall, Cardiff (0222 371 236) Tues, Wed.

ATERBALLETTO: Italian company at the Bath Festival with a programme of *Massine's Parade*, William Forsythe's violently dramatic *Love Songs*, and two works by their director Amedeo Amodio, one of them a new version of *L'Après-midi d'un Faune*. Theatre Royal, Bath (Bath Festival 0225 63362), Thurs, Fri.

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: Frederick Ashton's poetic production of the Prokofiev *Romeo and Juliet*. The Empire, Liverpool (051 709 1555) this afternoon and evening; Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7846) Mon to June 6.

RADIO

THE ARAB WORLD: Eight-part picture of the region's history, politics and culture, presented by Gerald Butt, the BBC's Middle East correspondent. Radio 4, Tues, 7.40-8.10pm.



● **James Garbutt (left) plays a faded music hall star who joins an old acquaintance (Graham Crowden, right) in a dubious scheme that could rescue them both from poverty-stricken old age. *Rivers*, the Saturday Night Theatre play, is by Brian Thompson, who says of the two characters: "They do not have much grasp of what is going on around them, but they are amiable, loveable and you want them to win". Radio 4, today, 7-8.15pm.**

TELEVISION

LORNA: Graham Reid follows up his *Billy* trilogy with a fourth play about the Martin household in Belfast. Lorna (Brid Brennan) plans her escape from family ties: Kenneth Branagh plays Billy. BBC1, Tues, 10-11.15pm.

AFTER THE WAR: On the 40th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, Lewis Lapham of *Harper's* magazine traces America's sometimes reluctant involvement in Europe since the Second World War. Channel 4, Wed, 9.05-10.05pm.

DARTMOOR — THE THREATENED WILDERNESS: Four films in which the wildlife artist and writer Brian Carter follows the seasons over one of the grandest and bleakest areas of Britain. Channel 4, Thurs, 8-9pm.

FILMS

OPENINGS

LEO McCAREY SEASON: The NFT salutes one of Hollywood's most interesting directors, who started with slapstick and moved on to tears and right-wing stridency. National Film Theatre (01-928 3232) from Wed.

MELO (PG): Henry Bernstein's fusty play about two violinists in love with the same waifish woman, meticulously filmed by *Alain Resnais*. Renoir (01-837 8402), from Fri.

THREE AMIGOS (PG): Western parody with good one-liners but no shape. Steve Martin, Chevy Chase and Martin Short star as singing cowboys. John Landis directs. Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252) from Fri.

ROCK

THE REPLACEMENTS: Roots rockers from Minnesota promoting their devilishly exciting album *Pleased To Meet Me*. Lots of swagger and the odd killer riff. Tonight, Leadmill, Sheffield (0742 754500); tomorrow, Town & Country, London NW5 (01-267 3334).

U2: They arrive from America, where their single and album are both No 1, for the British leg of an 18-month world tour that already looks set to eclipse Bruce Springsteen's 1984/5 pilgrimage. Tues, Wembley Arena (01-902 1234); Wed, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133).

WALKS

THE BURIED CITY — LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: meet Blackfriars tube, 11am today, £2.50.

GUIDED VISIT TO KENSINGTON PALACE: meet High Street Kensington tube, 2.30pm today, £2.50 plus £2.25 for entrance to palace.

THE LONDON OF DICKENS AND SHAKESPEARE: meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30am tomorrow, £2.50.

PHOTOGRAPHY

THROUGH THE MILL: A contemporary archive by Bradford photographer Ian Beesley on the Yorkshire wool industry. National Museum of Photography, Prince's View, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 727488) until July 12.

JAZZ

RED RODNEY: Once Charlie Parker's sidekick, the bebop trumpeter gives a free public workshop in London today, followed by club dates. Today 3-5pm, Guildhall School of Music, Barbican, London EC2 (01-628 2571); tomorrow, Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476); Wed, Darlington Arts Centre (0325 483168).

SAXOPHONE FESTIVAL: Altoist Elton Dean performs duets with the brilliant pianist Keith Tippett. Tonight, Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629).

BATH FESTIVAL: The extraordinary Willem Breuker Kollektief appear tonight, followed tomorrow by the Orchestre Nationale de Jazz, with guest soloist Courtney Pine. Tonight and tomorrow, Green Park Station, Bath (0225 63362).

FILMS ON TV



● **Sandrine Bonnaire (above) in her remarkable first film role as the enigmatic heroine of Agnes Varda's *Vagabonde*. Bonnaire plays a young woman typist who takes to the road to escape her humdrum existence and comes to a tragic end. Told in flashback and exploring a constant Varda theme, the price of freedom, *Vagabonde* won four awards, including the Golden Lion, at the 1985 Venice Film Festival. Channel 4, Thursday, 9-11pm.**

THE THIRTY-NINE STEPS (1935): Robert Donat versus an international spy ring in Hitchcock's marvellous chase thriller which is still the best movie version of Buchan's story. BBC2, today, 5.55-7.20pm.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT (1940): Joel McCrea as a reporter embroiled with Nazi spies; famous Hitchcock set-pieces include the fight to the death on the tower of Westminster Cathedral. Channel 4, today, 10.20pm-12.35am.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: 41st festival celebrates 70th anniversary of the Soviet Union, with visits from Orchestra of the Bolshoi and Gorky Theatre of Leningrad. Plus world theatre season, Gershwin celebration, etc. Postal booking now open. Personal booking from June 29. Festival office, 21 Market Street, Edinburgh (031 226 4001).

ALAN JAY LERNER GALA NIGHT: Performance of Lerner songs in aid of lung cancer research with Placido Domingo, Elaine Paige, Tim Rice, Vanessa Redgrave, Anthony Hopkins, and companies from *Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserables*. June 7. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London WC2 (01-836 8108). Tickets from £25.

Theatre: Tony Patrick and Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Television, Radio and Films on TV:** Peter Waymark; **Photography:** Michael Young; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.



Sharpe country: left, David Jason as Scullion; and the new Master of Porterhouse (Ian Richardson) with two college fellows

Sharpe-shooting for TV

Television's first bite at the writings of Tom Sharpe ended less than satisfactorily with *Blott on the Landscape*, where the comic strip treatment seemed to strain the humour and stretch it thin. Now comes a second, and more promising, excursion into Sharpe country, *Porterhouse Blue*.

While *Blott* went out on BBC2, *Porterhouse Blue* starts next week on Channel 4. The switch of channels has brought a change of style. *Blott* was pitched firmly as farce, with no holds barred, while *Porterhouse* eschews belly laughs in favour of more subtle comedy.

Yet the two projects are the work of the same producer, Brian Eastman, and adaptor, Malcolm Bradbury. The main change behind the camera is the introduction of Robert Knights, whose best-known work for TV is Bradbury's *The History Man*, as director.

Eastman concedes the difference in style but says this was dictated by the respective books rather than the critical reception for *Blott*. "I was entirely happy with the production. A few critics got stroppy about it but they tended to judge it on the book, rather than on whether it worked on TV. At least the public was happy — it was BBC2's highest-rated drama series.

"We shot *Blott* on videotape and *Porterhouse* on film and that really sums it up. *Blott* is a very direct and contemporary story about a real world which tape captures better than film. *Porterhouse* is about an unreal world in a very atmospheric environment."

Treating a favourite Sharpe theme, of the clash between tradition and change, *Porterhouse* is about a reactionary Cambridge college in turmoil at the arrival of a new Master. He is a butcher's son, grammar school educated and not prepared to suffer the bad old ways which have produced only one First since 1957.

In this endeavour he is abetted by his strident better half who, excluded from the all-male college feast, sharpens up her feminism at a lecture on birth control. Ian Richardson is the Master, and Barbara Jefford, an actress seen too rarely on television, plays his wife.

Other casting includes David Jason, who has made a niche in sitcom with *Only Fools and Horses* and *Open All Hours* but here has the chance for a straighter role as the porter, Scullion. Ageing about 20 years, Jason ends up looking like a cross between Enoch Powell and Harold Wilson.

Among the college reactionaries are to be found such splendid character actors as Paul Rogers, the corpulent Willoughby Goddard, Harold Innocent and, in a rare (and very effective) non-singing part, Ian Wallace.

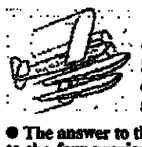
Though Cambridge is strongly evoked, the unit spent only three days out of its 10-week shooting shedule in the city. The other locations included Ely, the Inns of Court in London and a private house.

Having polished off two Sharpes, Eastman intends to go on. "They are very difficult books to do, but I think we are starting to get the hang of it. The one everyone would like to see is *Will* and I hope that will be next, but perhaps as a feature film rather than for television."

Peter Waymark

Porterhouse Blue starts a four-part serialization on Channel 4 on Wednesday, 10.05-11.05pm.

QUIZ COMPETITION



THE TIMES / DEC SCHNEIDER COMPETITION

● **Today's question: In which year did the Short-Mayo composite aircraft make the first commercial crossing of the North Atlantic by a heavier-than-air craft?**

● **The answer to this question is a number. Add this to the answers to the four previous questions which have appeared in *The Times* this week. Then call 01-400 3291 between 8am and 8pm tomorrow, giving (1) your numerical solution; (2) your completion of the tie-breaking sentence which appeared in Tuesday's *Computer Horizons*; and (3) your name and daytime telephone number. The winner will receive a holiday voucher for £1,000. Another competition will begin in *Computer Horizons* on Tuesday.**

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES 5.20-5.25pm Sports News Wales SCOTLAND. 5.20-5.25pm Scottish News NORTHERN IRELAND. 5.20-5.25pm Northern Ireland News 5.25-5.50 Rugby World Cup (Ireland v Canada) 1.25-1.30am Northern Ireland News headlines ENGLAND. 5.20-5.25pm South and East (London) — Sport. South and West (Plymouth) — Spotlight Sport and News. All other English regions — Regional news and sport.

ANGLIA As London except-12.35am Marching Praise, Closedown.

BORDER As London except-12.35am Border Weather, followed by Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except-1.00pm Star Fleet 1.30 Incredible Hulk 2.30-2.45 Cartoon 5.05 A-Team 6.00 Alf 6.30-7.00 Grumbleweeds Show 12.35am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.30 Film: Airplane 3.05 Central Live, followed by Closedown and Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except-12.40am Crimson 1.40 Closedown

GRAMPIAN As London except-5.05pm-7.00 Simon and Simon 12.35am Reflections, Closedown

GRANADA As London except-1.00pm-2.45 Christopher Columbus 5.05 ALF 5.35 A-Team 6.30-7.00 Grumbleweeds Show 12.35am T J Hooker 1.30 Film: Airplane 3.05 Boxing 5.10 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except-12.35am Weather and Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except-No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except-1.00pm-2.45 Film: Highway to Heaven 12.35am Late Call 12.40 Closedown.

TSW As London except-1.00pm Tightlines 1.15-2.45 Film: For the Love of Ada 5.05 Knight Rider 5.35 Grumbleweeds Show 6.05 Blockbusters 6.35-7.00 ALF 12.35am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except-12.35am King Crimson 1.30 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except-5.05pm ALF 6.30-7.00 Grumbleweeds Show 12.35am Poetry of the People. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except-1.00pm-2.45 Film: Campbells's Kingdom 12.35am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except-5.05pm ALF 5.35 A-Team 6.30-7.00 Grumbleweeds Show 12.35am Film: House That Dripped Blood 2.35 Jobfinder 3.35 Closedown.

S4C Starts-10.45am Week in Politics 11.45 What the Papers Say 12.00 Making of Britain 1.00 Scotland Yard* 1.30 Eisteddfod 5.00 Roosevelt's Children 6.00 Rugrt to Rachy 6.30 Listening Eye 7.00 World Alive 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Cymar Pwy? 8.20 Eisteddfod 9.30 Y Maes Chwarae 10.05 Sioe Sarad III 10.20 ER 10.50 Film: The Rumer Stumbles 12.50am Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES. 8.55-9.00am Interval 9.00-9.15 Sioe Sarad 2.15-4.35pm Film: Every Girl Should be Married (Cary Grant) 4.35-5.25 Urdd Eisteddfod 87 — Merthyr Tydfil 11.45-11.50 News of Wales SCOTLAND. 11.45-11.50pm Scottish News NORTHERN IRELAND. 12.35-12.50pm Carrickfergus International Boat Show 11.45-11.50 News.

ANGLIA As London except-1.15pm Cartoon 1.25 Weather 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 2.30 Film: Sink *The Bismarck!* 4.15-4.30 Cartoon 11.25 Hitchcock 11.55 Rock of the Seventies 12.25am As I See It, Closedown.

BORDER As London except-9.25am-9.30 Border Diary 1.15pm-1.30 Farming Outlook 2.30 Highway to Heaven 4.15-4.30 Cartoon 12.20am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except-9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 1.15pm Getting On 1.45-2.00 Care Bears 2.30 Highway to Heaven 4.15-4.30 Cartoon 5.00-5.30 Cloughie's Golden Oldies 11.25 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.20am Film: Conquest of the Planet of the Apes 1.55 Police Precinct 2.50 Closedown, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except-9.25am-9.30 Starting Point 1.00pm Les Francais Chez-Vous 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 2.30 Highway to Heaven 4.15-4.30 Cartoon 12.10am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except-9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 11.00 The Year Was 1964 11.30-12.00 Church and Change 1.15 Farming Outlook 1.45-2.00 Mountain Habitat 2.30 Supergran 3.00-5.00 Scottish Junior Cup Final 12.25am Living and Growing 12.55 Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except-9.25am-9.30 Crystal Tipps 1.10pm Aap Kaa Hak 1.20 Easy Street 1.50-2.00 This is Your Right 2.30-4.30 Film: A Town Like Alice* 5.00 Survival 6.00-6.30 Sweethearts 11.25 Special Squad 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except-9.25-9.30 Mark the Mouse 1.15pm-1.30 Footsteps 2.30 West Country Farming 3.00-4.30 Film: Made in Heaven* 5.00-5.30 Marry 11.25 Boxing 12.35am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except-2.00pm-4.00 Eisteddfod 4.00-4.30 Prince Charles: The Pride Factor 5.00-5.30 Fit for the Family.

SCOTTISH As London except-9.25am-9.30 Peter's Adventures 11.00 Supergran 11.30-12.00 Two Edged Sword 1.15pm Glen Michael Cavalcade 1.45 Scottish Assembly 3.00-5.00 Scottish Junior Cup Final 11.25 Late Call 11.30 Mike Hammer 12.30am Closedown.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

SATURDAY

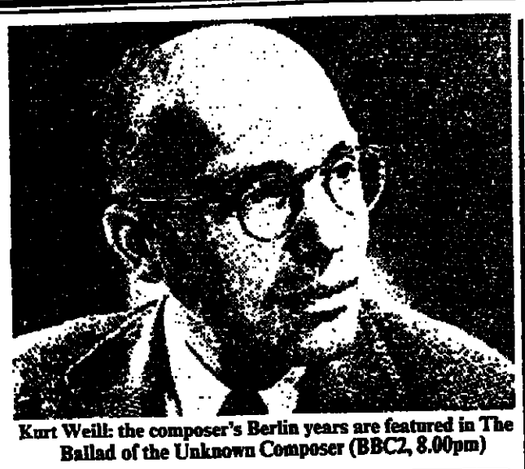
SUNDAY

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

● Kurt Weill is mainly remembered as the husband of Lotte Lenya, the collaborator with Bertolt Brecht and the composer of two songs, *Mack the Knife* and *September Song*, that have become popular standards. Barrie Gavin's film, **The Ballad of the Unknown Composer** (on BBC2, 8.00pm) reveals a more serious side to Weill's work, less known and until recently greatly undervalued. Weill wrote his first symphony when he was 21 and his music was a complex mixture of neo-classicism, influenced by Stravinsky and going back back even to Bach, and popular forms like the waltz and the tango. Without following Brecht down the Marxist path, Weill powerfully reflected the political and social turmoil of Berlin in the 1920s and his work had a particularly fascination with the getting and spending of money. His collaboration with Brecht was short and intense, their best known work, *The Threepenny Opera*, being written as a commercial potboiler. Like many Germany artists, Weill was forced into exile by the rise of Hitler and ended up writing songs for Broadway music halls. A profile of Lotte Lenya is being shown on BBC2 next Friday.

Peter Waymark

CHOICE



Kurt Weill: the composer's Berlin years are featured in The Ballad of the Unknown Composer (BBC2, 8.00pm)



Janet McTeer in the title role of Miss Julie (Theatre Night, BBC2, 10.00pm), with Patrick Malahide who plays the valet

CHOICE

● Maintaining the high standard of previous *Theatre Night* productions, Miss Julie (BBC2, 10.00pm) is directed by Michael Simpson, whose recent television work includes three Alan Ayckbourns and the Dorothy L. Sayers story, *Gaudy Night*. Strindberg is stronger stuff, though Ayckbourn, too, has explored the conflicts of sex and class. Simpson opens out the single-set format just enough to evoke the Midsummer Eve's dance going on in the background, while never letting this distract from the intensity of what is virtually a two-character play. As always, the acting is crucial. Patrick Malahide, who spent several years in fruitless pursuit of Arthur Daley in *Minder* before a switch of gear for *The Singing Detective*, is the servant, Jean. It is a skilful, unshowy performance, revealing the character's class inhibitions and bourgeois pretensions as he faces attempted seduction from the daughter of a count. Janet McTeer's Julie is her first big television role after a Titania and other stage work with the RSC. Her playing is fresh and unaffected, strongly conveying the emotional disintegration of the lady of position whose social pedigree is exposed as a sham.

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BBC1

6.45 Open University. **8.30 Family-Ness.** (r) **8.35 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds.** (r) **9.00 It's Wicked!** in Glasgow, with music provided by Marillion and The Armoury Show **10.52 Weather.**

10.55 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration) **11.00 World Cup Rugby; 12.00 Motor Racing:** the Indianapolis 500; **12.45 Boxing:** light middleweight bout between Lloyd Hibbert and Gary Cooper.

1.00 News; 1.05, 2.05, 2.35 and **3.05 Cycling:** the Milk Race; **1.55, 2.25** and **2.55 Racing** from Lingfield; **2.05, 2.35** and **4.35 Show Jumping** from Hickstead.

5.05 News with Debbie Thrower. Weather. **5.20** Sport/Regional news.

5.25 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.

5.50 Oliver Twist. Episode eight and Oliver is befriended by Mrs Meylie and her daughter, Rose, who is suddenly struck down by a fever. (r) (Ceefax)

6.20 Film: City on Fire (1979) starring Barry Newman and Susan Clark. Drama about the fight to rescue the patients and staff of a hospital in the centre of a city engulfed in flames after an explosion at an oil refinery. With Ava Gardner, Henry Fonda, and Shelley Winters. Directed by Alvin Rakoff. (Ceefax)

8.00 Bob Says Opportunity Knocks. Talent contest presented by Bob Monkhouse.

8.50 News and Election 87. Weather.

9.25 Cagney and Lacey. The two police officers catch a teenage girl standing over a dead body with a smoking gun in her hand. (Ceefax)

10.15 Monty Python's Flying Circus. (r)

10.45 Sports Special introduced by Steve Rider. **10.50 World Cup Rugby:** matches involving England, Ireland, and Scotland; **11.45 American Basketball:** the NBA play-offs.

12.35 Matt Houston. The reappearance of an old flame leads to the detective reconsidering his bachelor status.

1.25 Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University. Until **3.35.**

3.45 Chess Classic. Gary Kasparov plays Nigel Short in the OHRA tournament in Brussels. Presented by Jeremy James with comment on the play from Bill Hartston.

4.15 Film: The Spy in Black* (1939) starring Conrad Veidt, Valerie Hobson, and Sebastian Shaw. Espionage thriller set in the Orkney Islands during the First World War. Directed by Michael Powell.

5.35 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore talks to Dr Garry Hunt about the atmosphere of other worlds. (r)

5.55 Film: The Thirty Nine Steps* (1935) starring Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll. John Buchan's classic tale of a man on the run for a murder he did not commit who becomes involved with an international spy ring. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

7.20 NewsView with Debbie Thrower and Moira Stuart. Weather.

8.00 German Festival. The Ballad of the Unknown Composer: The Berlin Years of Kurt Weill. (see Choice)

8.55 The Prize. The Swedish-made sketch show which won the Golden Rose Award at the Montreux Television Festival ten days ago, telling a tongue-in-cheek story about the origin of the Nobel Prize. Starring Elizabeth Banke, Lars-Erik Friberg, Cecilia Hagland, Christer Peterson, and Stellan Sundahl.

9.25 Gaudy Night. The third and final episode of the Dorothy L. Sayers mystery. Harriet Vane and Lord Peter uncover the mystery behind the violent passions that have cast a shadow over Harriet's old college. Starring Edward Petherbridge and Harriet Walter.(r) (Ceefax)

10.15 Film: Cuba (1979) starring Sean Connery and Brooke Adams. Christmas 1959, and a soldier of fortune arrives in Havana to advise Batista's poorly trained army in the methods of counter-insurgency to help the government's fight against Castro. Directed by Richard Lester. Ends at **12.20.**

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6.55 TV–am introduced by Gary Champion. Weather at **6.58;** news at **7.00.**

7.30 The Wide Awake Club.

9.25 Get Fresh at Edinburgh Castle. **11.30 Terrahawks.** (r)

12.00 News with Fiona Armstrong.

12.05 Wrestling from Broxbourne Civic Hall.

1.00 Film: Botany Bay (1953) starring Alan Ladd, James Mason, and Patricia Medina. Drama, set on a convict ship on its way to Australia, about an innocent man wrongly found guilty of robbery, who clashes with the sadistic captain. Directed by John Farrow.

2.45 Football. Live from Wembley Stadium, the schoolboy international between England and Scotland.

4.30 Boxing. The IBF Cruiserweight title fight between Evander Holyfield and Ricky Parky at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas.

5.00 News.

5.05 The Grumbleweeds Show. Comedy sketches.

5.35 A.L.F. Comedy series about an Alien Life Form, loose in suburban America.

6.05 The A–Team. The resourceful quartet come to aid of a Kenyan game warden whose brother was killed by poachers. (r)

7.00 The Birthday Show. Anne Diamond, Paul Cola, and Benny Green celebrate celebrities' birthdays. (Oracle)

7.45 New Faces Winners — the Next Step. Duggie Small, winner of the 1986 New Faces, stars with other popular acts from the talent-spotting series.

8.45 News and sport.

9.05 C.A.T.S. Eyes. Nigel is put in an embarrassing situation by a spy scandal.

10.05 The Late Clive James. The guests are Robbie Coltrane and Jonathan Miller.

10.50 LWT News headlines followed by **Silent Reach.** Episode one of a two-part drama about a former American intelligence agent who is hired to investigate a series of strange 'accidents' in central Queensland affecting a giant corporation. Starring Robert Vaughn and Helen Morse.

12.40 Devil's Lake Concert. Charlie Pride. Ends **1.45.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Pets in Particular. (r) **9.50 4 What It's Worth.** (r) **10.20 The Living Body.** Hormones. (r) **10.45 The World — A Television History.** Asia 1600 - 1800. (r)

11.15 Christo's Valley Curtain. A Maysles brothers documentary about the French artist Christo and his attempts to hang a huge orange curtain across a valley. (r) **11.45 World of Animation 12.00** *Isaura the Slave Girl.* (r)

12.50 Film: The Five Pennies (1959) starring Danny Kaye. A musical biopic about the 1920s cornet player, 'Red' Nichols. Directed by Melville Shavelson.

3.00 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. The 3.05, 3.40, 4.10 and 4.40 races.

5.00 Brookside. (r) (Oracle)

6.00 Right to Reply. This 200th edition includes accusations that programme makers are unfunny, offensive, and exploitive; and a moan about sporting overkill on Bank Holidays.

6.30 Channel 4 News followed by weather.

7.00 Ourselves and Other Animals. How animals communicate.

7.30 Roosevelt's Children. Part two: The Atlantic Alliance

8.30 Robinson Country. Robert Robinson meets Gilbert Cowdray, vicar of the west country town of North Molton. (Oracle)

9.00 Nights and Days. Episode two of the award-winning Polish drama. English subtitles.

10.10 Election Brief on defence.

10.20 Film: Foreign Correspondent* (1940) staring Joel McCrea. Spy thriller about an American journalist caught up with Nazis and Fifth Columnists in 1938 Europe. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

12.35 Don't Miss Wax. Mating is this week's topic and Ruby's guests include Paul Raymond, David Montgomery, editor of the *News of the World*, and actresses Georgina Hale and Kate O'Mara

1.20 Film: This Is Kate Bennett (1981) starring Janet Eilber as a television reporter whose personal life comes under threat when she investigates the background of a young sniper. Directed by Harvey Hart. Ends **2.45.**

BBC1

6.45 Open University. Until **8.50.**

8.55 Play School 9.15 Articles of Faith. (r) **9.30** This is the Day.

10.00 One of the Family. Rabbits and Guinea-pigs. (r) **10.20 Micro File 2. 10.45 Claire Rayner's Casebook.** (r) **11.10 You In Mind.** Defeating depression. (r) **11.20 The Goode Kitchen.** Ideas for vegetable peelings. (r) **11.35 Discovering Portuguese.** Part three (r)

12.00 Sign Extra. For the hearing impaired **12.25 Birdwatch Goes Dutch.** A five visit to the Naardermeer, the oldest nature reserve in The Netherlands **12.35 Farming** includes an item on a lettuce plant grower in the Vale of Evesham. **12.58 Weather.**

1.00 This Week Next Week. Fred Emery interviews Shirley Williams **2.00 EastEnders.** (r) (Ceefax) **3.00 Birdwatch Goes Dutch.** Another five visit to the Naardermeer.

3.15 Film: Lust for Life (1956) starring Kirk Douglas. The story of the artist, Vincent Van Gough. Directed by Vincente Minnelli **5.10 Tom and Jerry.** Cartoons.

5.25 The Animals Roadshow. (Ceefax)

6.00 Birdwatch Goes Dutch.

6.25 News with Debbie Thrower. Weather.

6.40 Praise Be! Popular hymns. (Ceefax)

7.15 Film: Guilty Conscience (1985) starring Anthony Hopkins and Blythe Danner. A brilliant lawyer decides to murder his wife before he loses her money when they are divorced. A made-for-television drama directed by David Greene. (Ceefax)

8.45 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are Raymond Chandler; the City of York; the English novel 1870-1970; and Anton Chekhov.

9.15 That's Life! Consumer affairs.

10.00 News and weather.

10.20 When I Get to Heaven. Natan Shcharansky with his idea of life after death.

10.55 Birdwatch Goes Dutch. Highlights.

11.20 Discovering Portuguese. Part four.

11.45 Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University. Until **1.30.**

1.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration) **1.30** and **5.15 Cricket:** the Refuge Assurance League game between Northants and Sussex. The commentators at Northampton are Peter Walker, Christopher Martin-Jenkins, and David Acfield; **2.20 Motor Racing:** the Monaco Grand Prix. The commentators are Murray Walker and James Hunt; **4.00 Show Jumping:** the Everest Double Glazing Nations Cup. Commentating from Hickstead are Raymond Brooks-Ward and Stephen Hadley; **6.30 Badminton:** Gerald Williams reports from China on the World Championships.

7.25 Eurovision Young Dancer. Humphrey Burton introduces the second competition, broadcast live from Schwetzingen Castle near Heidelberg, Germany. Representing Britain in this competition to choose outstanding soloists or couples of young dancers is 18-year-old Paul Liburd from Leeds. Monica Mason, a member of the Royal Ballet, provides expert comment, while in London, Joan Bakewell will be joined by Bryony Brind, principal dancer with the Royal Ballet, dance critic Jan Murray, and director of the Central School of Ballet, Christopher Gable. Britain's representative on the jury chaired by Richard Cragun of the Stuttgart Ballet, is Galina Samsova from Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.

10.00 Theatre Night: Miss Julie. August Strindberg's tragedy on the themes of sex and class difference starring Patrick Malahide as the valet who is the object of the desires of the daughter of a count (Janet McTeer). (Ceefax) (see Choice)

11.40 Grand Prix. Highlights of the Monaco Grand Prix introduced by Murray Walker and James Hunt. Ends at **12.20.**

NB: programme times after the Young Dancer competition are approximate.

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6.55 TV–am

8.30 David Frost on Sunday with David Owen and David Steel.

9.25 Wake Up London.

9.30 World Championship Boxing. The WBC/WBA Heavyweight bout between the holder, Mike Tyson, and Pinkon Thomas; and the IBF Heavyweight contest between Tony Tucker and James Douglas.

10.40 Get Fresh with Gaz Top and Charlotte Hindle.

11.00 Morning Worship from West Bridgford Baptist Church, Nottingham.

12.00 Weekend World. The Parties' policies on nuclear weapons. Matthew Parris interviews George Younger, Denzil Davies, and John Cartwright **1.15 Police Five.**

1.30 Getting On. Three candidates for a marginal seat in Birmingham face questions from a group of pensioners **2.00 Revelations.** The Bishop of Durham talks to Eric Robson.

2.30 LWT News headlines followed by **Film: A Prize of Arms*** (1951) starring Stanley Baker and Tom Bell. Thriller about a master criminal who elists the skills of an explosives expert when he plans to steal £250,000 from an army camp. Directed by Cliff Owen.

4.30 Supergran. Children's fantasy series. (Oracle)

5.00 Show Me. Celebrity game show.

5.30 Survival Special. A profile of the great dolphin.

6.30 News with Nicholas Owen.

6.40 Appeal by Miriam Stoppard on behalf of International Voluntary Service.

6.45 Highway. With Sir Harry in Carrickfergus.

7.15 Tarby's Frame Game. Game show.

7.45 Film: Dagger of the Mind (1972) starring Peter Falk. Columbo, in London to study Scotland Yard's detection techniques, becomes involved in a murder. A made-for-television mystery directed by Richard Quine.

9.35 News.

9.55 Laurence Olivier: A Life. (r)

11.25 LWT News headlines followed by **The Silk Road.** The route that links east with west.

12.20 Derrick. German detective series. Ends **1.05.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Sunday East includes an interview with the latest Indian cinema superstar, Mithun Charkraborty.

10.00 The World This Week. An analysis of the outcome of a Middle East peace conference, including an interview with Shimon Peres.

11.00 Superchamps. (r) **11.30 The Owl Service.** Part two of the children's drama based on an old Welsh legend. (r)

12.00 Network 7. The guests include Samantha Fox, Boy George, Robbie Coltrane, Rachel Roberts, and Gian Sammarco.

2.00 The Pocket Money Programme. Financial advice for the young including a discussion on fan clubs that do not play fair.

2.30 Film: There's No Business Like Show Business (1954) starring Ethel Merman. Irving Berlin musical following the fortunes of a group of vaudevillians. With Donald O'Connor, Dan Dailey, Johnnie Ray, Mitzi Gaynor, and Marilyn Monroe. Directed by Walter Lang.

4.40 Big Snooze. Cartoon.

4.45 Early Musical Instruments. Keyboard and percussion. (r)

5.15 Channel 4 News and weather.

5.30 The Business Programme. How much are the American and international banks offering graduates on the milk run? And what do they expect of their new recruits? Plus, an interview with Robert Alexander, new chairman of the Takeover Panel.

6.15 Swimming. The Speedo Fast Water Meet.

7.15 The World at War. The final episode - remember the dead. (r) (Oracle)

8.15 Sir Steven Runciman: Bridge to the East. The distinguished historian examines the great Byzantine and Ottoman civilizations.

9.10 When Reason Sleeps: The Scar. The last in the series of psychological thrillers. (Oracle)

10.15 Film: Spellbound* (1945) starring Gregory Peck and Ingrid Bergman. A suspense thriller about a doctor who falls for a medical imposter, cures him of his guilt-induced amnesia, and unmasks a murderer. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Ends at **12.15.**

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below) **6.00am** Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Includes **2.00-2.00** The Island Records Story **4.00-5.00** The New American Chart Show **6.30-7.30** In Concert. (the Communards) **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Dixie Peach (with Midnight Runner Show). **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **2.00am** Steve Madden **3.00** A Little Night Music **4.00** Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **8.05** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) News on the hour until **1.00pm, (2.00-7.00am** vhf only), then at **8.30, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **1.00.** Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm 2.00am** World Cup Rugby: (Ireland v Canada) **3.30** A Little Night Music (joining vhf) **4.00** Rugby (Scotland v Zimbabwe) **5.30** Dave Bussey (joining vhf) **8.00** Rugby (England v Australia) **7.30** Steve Truelove (joining vhf) **8.05** David Jacobs **10.00** Sounds of the 60s **11.00** Album Time **1.00pm** Frankie Howerd's Forum **1.30** Sport on 2 (includes Cricket. (Middlesex v Pakistan) **6.00** Pop Score **8.30** Old Stager (Mary Martin) **7.00** Three in a Row **7.30** Radio 2 Festival of Music. Interval: **8.20-8.40 9.30** String Sound **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Night Owls **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 From The Weeklies 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Look Ahead 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter From America (10.30 Foreign Language Broadcasts) 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Beecham's Lollipops 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Saturday Special 2.00 News 2.01 Saturday Special 3.00 Radio Newsreel Saturday Special 4.00 News 4.09 3.15 Saturday Special 4.30 News 4.09 Commentary (4.15 English by Radio) (4.45 Foreign Language Broadcasts) 7.00 News 7.01 Play of the Week: A Song at Twilight 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Jazz 9.00 News 9.01 Cat's Whiskers 9.15 Gershwin Among Friends 9.30 People and Politics 10.00 News 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 New Ideas 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Nature Notebook 11.30 Anything Goes 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Orchestras of the World 1.00 News 1.01 Play of the Week: A Song at Twilight 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans 2.30 Album Time 3.00 News 3.09 Pause 3.30 News About Britain 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent (until 3.30) (3.45 Foreign Language Broadcasts) 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Financial Review 5.00 News 5.09 24 Hours (5.30 Foreign Language Broadcasts). All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Education bulletin **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Aubade: Chapi (Prelude: El tambor de Granaderos: ECO), Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 4: Guildhall String Ensemble), Strauss (Blue Danube waltz, arranged Schutz-Evler), Lange-Muller (Once upon a time incidental music: Royal Danish Orchestra and Opera Chorus and Willy Hartmann, tenor). **8.00** World Service News **8.10** Aubade (contd): Chagrin (*Heifer Skelter* overture: LPO), Britten (Matinees musicales: National PO), Schubert (Soirees de Vienna, No 6: Josef Lhévinne, piano roll), Khachaturian (Gayaneh ballet suite: Vienna PO). **9.00** News **9.05** Record Review: includes Peter Dickinson's guide to recordings of Franck's Symphony in D minor. **10.15** Stereo Release: Nash Ensemble perform Brahms's Clarinet Quintet in B minor Op 115 **10.55** The Damnation of Faust: by Berlioz. James Levine conducts Chicago Symphony Chorus and Orchestra. With Neil Rosenshein, Tatiana Troyanos, John Cheek and Christopher Trakas as soloists. **1.00** News **1.05** Early String Quartets: Pleyel's in C major Op 1 No 2; Vachon's in D major Op 6 No 6; Haydn's in E flat Op 33 No 2. Played by Salomon String Quartet **2.00** Diabelli Variations: Peter Hill (piano) plays Beethoven's Op 120 **3.00** Eugen Jochum: recordings of Sibelius's symphonic poem The Oceanides Op 73, and Night Ride and Sunrise Op 55 (Berlin PO). Also Act 1 of Mozart's Cosi fan tutte (Berlin Philharmonic with soloists Irmgard Seefried, Nan Merriman, Erika Koth, Hermann Prey, Ernest Haefliger, and Fischer-Dieskau. **5.00** Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton **5.45** Critics' Forum: includes comment on What the Butler Saw on BBC2; Alan Ayckbourn's A Small Family Business at the National Theatre. **6.35** Liszt and his Contemporaries: Steven Isserlis (cello), Leslie Howard (piano). Liszt (Elegies Nos 1 and 2), Glazunov (Elegie), Anton Rubinstein (Sonata No 1), Balakirev (Romance **7.30** North German Radio SO under Gunter Wand. With Nikita Magaloff (piano). Part one. Haydn (Piano Concerto in D, H XVII 11), Stravinsky (Concerto for piano, wind, timpani and double-basses **8.15** Church Angels: Ingrid Lacey reads the story by Graeme Fife **8.35** Concert (part two): Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5) **9.25** Realm of the Kingfish: Russell Davies's portrait of Huey P Long, highly controversial Governor and Senator of Louisiana. Contributors include Col Philemon St Amant, Russell Long, John McKeithen and Cecil Morgan (r) **10.25** At Home with Clara Schumann: Rosemarie Wright (piano). Recital includes Clara Schumann's Romance and Mazurka in G minor Op 6 No 2; Robert Schumann's Bunte Blatter Op 99 Nos 1 and 6, and Field's Nocturne in E flat **11.05** Suite and two Concertos: Scottish Ensemble under Leonard Friedman, with Susan Milan (flute) and Kenneth Leighton (harpsichord). Telemann (Suite in E flat, La lyra), Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in G minor, RV 439), Leighton (Concerto for flute, harpsichord and strings) **11.57** News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; weather **6.10** Farming **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather; Travel **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather; Travel **8.25** The Weeklies **9.00** News **9.05** Sport on 4 **9.30** Breakaway. Travel and leisure **10.00** News; Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin and guests **11.00** The Politics of Choice. Geoffrey Goodman examines the election choices **11.25** From Our On Correspondent. Life and politics abroad **11.55** The Weekend on 4 **12.00** News; Money Box. Louse Botting with advice on personal finance **12.27** Just a Minute. With Kenneth Williams, Derek Nimmo, Peter Jones and Alfred Marks **12.55** Weather **1.00** News **1.10** Any Questions? Joining John Timpson in Ewell, Surrey, are Roy Hattersley, Mary Goldring, William Rodgers and John Moore (r) **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; A Very Warm Welcome. Laurie Taylor explores the world of public speaking **2.30** The Afternoon Play. The Pass by Ginnie Hole. Drama about an exam. With Arturo Venegas (s) **3.50** Through my Window. Post Charles Causley lays down his pen and looks out of his window over Launceston, Cornwall **4.00** News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents report **4.30** S04 (Science on 4). New series. With Peter Evans, Geoff Watts, Georgina Ferry and Alun Lewis. **5.00** The Living World. Jenny Devitt visits the Sea Mammal Research Unit and British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge **5.25** Week Ending. Satirical review **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; travel **6.00** News; Sports round-up **6.25** Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (s) **7.00** Saturday Night Theatre. Rivers by Brian Thompson. A tale of a music-hall old-timer and his pal. With James Gabutt, Graham Crowden (s) **8.15** Suburban Fringe. Natalie Wheen reports from the Warehouse Theatre Croydon, which runs on a shoestring budget **8.30** Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records (s) **9.30** Thriller! The Possessors by John Christopher. The reader is Hywel Bennett (9) **9.50** Ten to Ten. A reflection with Kenneth Slack (s) **9.58** Weather **10.00** News **10.15** Saturday Feature. Winifred at Home. The story of the unconventional artist Winifred Nicholson, as told by her friends, family and fellow artists **10.45** Flashback. Novelist Joseph Hone revisits scenes from his childhood (3) Italy — The Dark Wood **11.00** The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere. Sue Limb's tale of towering genius in the Lake District. With Simon Callow (s) **11.30** The Party Party. Satirical comedy **12.00** News; weather. **12.33** Shipping.

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BBC1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF **6.00am** Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **12.30pm** Jimmy Savile's Old Record Club (Top 10s from 1985, 1979 and 1973) **2.30** John Peel at Eurovision **3.30** Radio 1 More Time **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Sergeant Pepper: A Splendid Time was Guaranteed by All! A celebration of the Beatles' famous LP **8.30** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P (Culture Rock). **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Just William (William Davies and Langham Orchestra) **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) Cricket Scores **7.30pm 4.00am** Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **7.30** Good Morning Sunday with guest Noel Tredinnick **9.05** Melodies for You (Richard Baker) **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00** Stuart Hall's Sunday Sport (Grand Prix, Golf, Tennis, Cricket, Show Jumping) **6.30** Sunday Soapbox **7.35** Ian Wallace presents Your Country Needs You **8.30** Sunday Half Hour (from Bitterne Parish Church, Hampshire) **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows (BBC Radio Orchestra) **10.30** Jazz Score **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00am** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Jazz for the Asking (run on) 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 News 9.09 Review Of The British Press 9.15 Scene In Action 9.45 Cat's Whiskers 10.00 News 10.01 Story 10.15 From Our Own Correspondent (10.30 Foreign Language Broadcasts) 11.00 News 11.09 It's Your World 11.30 News About Britain 12.00 News 12.01 Play of the Week: A Song at Twilight 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Sport 1.45 Tony Myatt Request Show including at 2.00 News 2.30 Detective 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 International Recital 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary (4.15 English by Radio) (4.45 Foreign Language Broadcasts) 7.00 News 7.01 Classical Record Review 7.15 A Man Apart 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 News 9.01 Story 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 News 10.09 Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial Review 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 Former Flashpoints 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Religious Service 1.00 News 1.01 A Man Apart 1.45 Musical Landscapes 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Peebles' Choice 2.30 It's Your World 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Good Books (until 3.30) (3.45 Foreign Language Broadcasts) 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Waveguide 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours (5.30 Foreign Language Broadcasts). All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Science — the story of DDT **6.58** Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Wilhelm Beckhaus: piano recordings. Including Grieg's Piano Concerto (with New SO) and Schubert's Menuetto in B minor, from Sonata in G. **8.00** World Service News **8.10** Musica Antiqua, Cologne: includes works by Telemann (Concerto in G for four violins), Schmelzer (Polnische Sackpfeiffen), and Monteverdi (Combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda) **9.00** News **9.05** Your Concert Choice: Haydn (Te Deum: Berlin RSO, NDR Choir, RIAS Chamber Choir), Mozart (Variations on minuet by Duport, K 573: Ciccolini, piano), Beethoven (Sonata in A minor, Op 23)Tomasek (Piano Concerto No 1: Peter Toperczer with Prague SO), J C Bach (Vauxhall songs: Elsie Morison, soprano) **10.30** Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes Paul Crossley on the piano music of Messiaen; a conversation with Rodney Stafford and Carolle Emery on mini-basses for mini-students; and Julian Budden on Gluck and the Paradox of Posterity **11.15** BBC Scottish SO under Maksymiuk With Maurice Bourgue (oboe). Mozart (Oboe Concerto in C, K 314: and Haydn's Symphony No 79 **12.00** Joequin Achucarro: piano recital. Ravel (Prelude; Alborado del gracioso; and Valses nobles et sentimentales), and Debussy (Clair de lune, and other works). **12.45** Cleofide: Johann Adolf Hasse's dramma per musica in three acts. Sung in Italian. William Christie conducts Rhenish Kantorei Dormagen and Cappella Coloniensis. Soloists include Emma Kirkby (title role), Derek Lee Ragin, Dominque Vissé, and Randall Wong.Act 1 **2.15** Meta-Meta-Meta-Love: a talk by Laurence Lerner **2.35** Cleofide: the second act **3.50** A Diversity of Creatures: Petric Dickinson's verse compilation.(r) **4.10** Cleofide: the third act **5.30** The Little Platoon — the Long Struggle for the Falklands. Sixth of Michael Charlton's documentaries. Tonight: A General Micawberism. **6.15** Edith Vogel: piano recital. She plays Eight pieces Op 76 **6.50** Haydn and Daniel Jones: Delmé String Quartet play Haydn's Quartet in B flat Op 76 No 4, and Jones's Quartet, 1982 **7.30** Spreading the Word: three East European publishers with presses in the West talk to Nigel Andrews **7.45** London Sinfonietta. With Michael Collins (clarinet), Eileen Hulse (soprano), Mary King (mezzo). Britten (Sinfonietta Op 1), Bawden (Le livre de Fauvel), Stravinsky (Eight instrumental miniatures, 1962), Henze (The Miracle of the Rose, 1981) **9.05** Frank Bridge: Charles Libowe (violin) and Nina Lugovoy (piano) play Sonata, 1932 **9.30** Light in Distant Rooms: Indian poetry by Prabhu Guptara (1) Jewels in the Cobra's Hood. **10.00** At Home with Clara Schumann: Rosemarie Wright's piano recital includes Clara Schumann's Prelude and fugue in B flat Op 16 No 2 **10.35** Ligeti: South West German Radio SO play Lontano **10.50** No Dialogue: Richard Howard reads John O'Neill's story **11.10** English organ music: Ian Hare plays Stanford's Fantasia and toccata in D minor Op 57, and Elgar's Sonata in G, Op 28 **11.57** News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning has Broken **6.55** Weather. **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday (Religious news and views) incl **7.55** Weather; Travel **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause (appeal by Bernard Cribbins) **8.55** Weather. **9.00** News **9.10** Sunday Papers **9.15** Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.30** Morning Service (from Stoneygate Baptist Church, Leicester) **10.15** The Archers. Omnibus edition. **11.15** Pick of the Week. Margaret Howard presents highlights from BBC television and radio programmes. **12.10** It's Your World. Listeners put questions to Sadiq al Mahdi, Prime Minister of Sudan, (Call 01-580 4444) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World This Weekend. News **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Gardeners' Question Time from the Northern Ideal Home Exhibition, Manchester **2.30** Lord of the Rings (13) The Grey Havens (s) (r) **3.30** Origins. Barry Cunliffe traces the development of civilization of the banks of the Nile **4.00** News; The Food Programme. **4.30** The Natural History Programme. European bird Day. **5.00** News; Travel **5.05** Field of the Star. Shaun McLoughlin and his son cycled from France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, keeping separate diaries **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel **6.00** News **6.15** Rogues' Gallery. Eighty-year-old Sheila Minto has been secretary to 10 Prime Ministers. She reminisces about those times **6.30** Letters from the Old World. Sarah Rogers-Haight's travels through the Middle East in 1838. **7.00** Ann Veronica by H G Wells (2) (s) **8.00** Bookshelf: Travel books **8.30** RSC in Repertoire. Leading actors, directors and designers discuss Richard II **9.00** News; Concerto. Robin Ray introduces a recording of the Violin Concerto by Tchaikovsky, and a piece by Duke Ellington, and talks to Nigel Kennedy **10.00** News **10.15** Performing Arts. Like a Wolf at a Live Heart. Feature about the poet Anne Sexton **11.00** Seeds of Faith. God's Translators. (4:) The Geneva and King James Bible **11.15** Actuality. Initiating a new group of Samaritan volunteers **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

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Liberals fear Owen 'bias'

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that Labour's steady rise in the polls after that statement was made, with Mr Neil Kinnock's strong personal start to the campaign, undermined the Alliance's credibility.

However, they now believe that with the Conservative onslaught against Labour's defence policy apparently bearing fruit, Labour's advance has stalled and the stage has been set for them to repeat their original charge and to make a renewed effort to replace Labour as the alternative opposition.

They believe that the Labour vote is softer than the Tories and with about 40 per cent of the population yet to make a final decision about whom to support there is everything to play for, including winning the votes of Tories "with a social conscience" who would not vote Alliance if they thought Labour could win.

Labour's determination to move the election agenda on to social issues, particularly education, was signalled yesterday by Mr Bryan Gould, their campaign coordinator.

"I believe it is education which has been a growing issue of this campaign. We certainly intend to focus attention on education."

His comments came on the day when Tory strategists were dismissing as "another Labour dirty trick" a press advertisement which reads: "The Tories plan to let state schools charge fees if they want to. If you don't want to pay, don't vote Tory."

Although at the fumbling launch of the Conservatives' radical education policies just over a week ago, Mrs Margaret Thatcher did not rule out such a possibility, it has since been categorically denied by both her and Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

A similar advertisement will appear in tomorrow's newspapers.

The Labour Party will maintain its attack on the Prime Minister. The slogan "10 more years" which has appeared at Mrs Thatcher's rallies is to be used as the basis of campaign focussing on what "10 more years of Thatcherism" would mean to the country.

70th birthday vigil in memory of JFK



President John F. Kennedy would yesterday have celebrated his seventieth birthday, had he survived Lee Harvey Oswald's bullet. To mark the occasion, his sister-in-law Ethel, the widow of Senator Robert Kennedy, and two of her daughters knelt in prayer at his memorial in Arlington Cemetery, Washington. They were accompanied by the family nurse Ena Bernard, and the blessings were administered by Fr Jerry Creeden.

Plane dodges radar and lands in Red Square

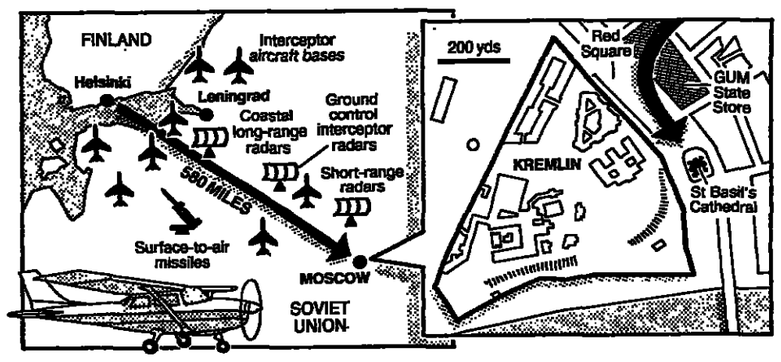
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The Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, said last night that one of his colleagues had witnessed the touchdown in Moscow on Thursday.

Asked if Herr Rust, a computer operator, had been arrested, Mr Gerasimov said: "I can only speculate. If you cross the Soviet border without permission, it's only natural to think you'll be detained. But it's just my guess."

Early yesterday the plane stood behind barricades at the south end of the massive cobblestone square where it had landed, about 100ft from the Kremlin Wall. Western journalists saw Soviet militiamen towing it out of the city centre later.

Western experts estimated that Herr Rust flew at around 50ft to 100ft to avoid being detected by Soviet defence radar during his 580-mile journey from Helsinki to Moscow. Witnesses said the young pilot narrowly missed the roof of Moscow's famous old department store Gum before landing.



According to witnesses, Herr Rust was given a hero's welcome from the astonished crowd that gathered round the plane.

Herr Rust had arrived in Finland on May 25 from Bergen in Norway. He stayed in a small hotel and left with a woman passenger. Some reports from Moscow yesterday said that a woman was in the plane when it landed in Red Square.

In a West German television interview yesterday, Herr Rust's father, Herr Karl-Heinz Rust, said he strongly doubted that the trip to Moscow was politically motivated.

In Bonn, a West German Government spokesman said: "It appears this involves a pilot who has made a mistake" in navigation.

against any cruise missile or stand-off weapon attack. They will want to study the exact route the aircraft took to establish any potential weak spots in the defences.

Western military authorities were quietly delighted last night that the air defences surrounding Leningrad and Moscow had proved so easy to beat, despite vast improvements installed recently by the Russians in an effort to defend

There are huge radars all along the coast capable of seeing at least 500 miles, each overlapping the other to provide cover in the event of any one system breaking down.

Behind those, along the route taken by the Cessna, are dozens of smaller radar systems, each linked to a fighter control unit giving complete coverage from low to high level with mobile radars providing back-up. Should these spot an intruder, a quick reaction force of heavily armed fighters is supposed to intercept within minutes.

What must worry the Russians most is that the Cessna, itself bigger than any cruise missile which may be launched against them, remained undetected right up to the centre of Moscow. Even though it was flying low, the Russians were confident that nothing could penetrate even the outer ring

Campaign sketch

Making a meal of a day's canvassing

"May I jump the queue for a couple of frankfurters, girls?"

"Have you got the sausages, Cyril?"

"Just getting them, mother."

Cyril Smith was out shopping for his dinner before getting down to proper canvassing in the afternoon. He was striding in front through Rochdale market, while his younger brother Norman, up until last week the Lord Mayor of Rochdale, was pushing their 83-year-old mother in her wheelchair behind.

First stop was Billy Duff Cooked Meats. "A bit of tongue, no, make that two bits, and not too thin. You've cut it thick have you? Good lad!" After buying half a pound of beef spread, the three moved to Collins' Biscuits Stall. "Hiya girls!" "Hello Cyril!" They all wanted Liberal stickers for their lapels.

Cyril ordered some Walkers Shortbread, Chocolate Chips, Almond Cookies, and "mix us a pound of chocolate biscuits, love."

"What you doin', Cyril?" said his mother from her wheelchair.

"Just getting the chocolate biscuits, mother."

"Don't forget the chocolate biscuits!" replied his mother.

"And give me a pound of mixed creams."

"What you doin'?"

"Getting a pound of mixed creams."

"Are we all right for cream crackers?"

"Jacobs or Crawfords, mother?"

"Jacobs."

Putting eight different packets of biscuits into his carrier bag, Cyril strode on. Everyone seemed to recognize him, and, more unusually for a politician, he recognized them. "Aye!" he would say in passing to youngsters, "how are ye, old son?" to the older generation.

A woman came up and said that her daughter had got a job as registrar at the college. "Ah, we went to tea there, mother," said Cyril. "I said, we went to tea there. D'y'remember?"

Like many people, she told Cyril she'd be voting for him. "That's kind of you, love," he said. "Tell you what, come half past ten Sunday to a great big rally if you want – David Steel, Shirley Williams, five other Liberals. Be smashin'."

The procession came to a halt as mother chatted to a lady friend from her days when she cleaned the town hall. To one side, the friend's daughter asked Cyril how his mother was. "She's proud of you, she's proud of both of you. And every reason to be!"

Cyril then got chatting to a young woman in a wheelchair about her disability allowance, saying cheerio with "well done, love. Keep goin', kid."

And on to the Bacon Stall. "They never have trotters now, do they, Norman?" Cyril shouted back to Norman. "No, they never have trotters now," agreed Norman. "Do I usually have creamy or crumbly?" he asked the girl serving the cheese. "Crumbly, Cyril."

More cheese from Jill's Cheese Pantry. "Some gorgonzola, please, love. D'ye'sell chutney? A jar of chutney, oh, and a jar of pickles, and one of your Stiltons."

An elderly woman recalled her recent golden wedding anniversary party. "It were all right, weren't it, kid?" said Cyril.

He stopped at Stocks sweet stall. "What sort of toffees do you want, mother?"

"I'm all right with toffees."

Cyril bought a quarter of chocolates for himself and squeezed them into one of the two carrier bags.

An old man came up and shook Cyril's hand. "Last time I saw you was at Fred Kershaw's funeral," he said. "Aye," said Cyril, holding him by the shoulder. "I told your daughter her husband was dying. Fred and I used to play together as kids."

Two young women passed by eating sticky buns. "You'll finish up like me, girls!" said Cyril. They giggled and walked on.

Norman and mother had got chatting to someone else. "Come on, I'm movin' now, Norman, or I won't get me dinner in time, so I shan't get out campaignin' this afternoon!" shouted Cyril.

On the way out, the smell of hot potatoes from Ye Olde Lancashire Oven, was too much to bear. "Tell you what," said Cyril, "we'll 'ave a bag of those for our dinner too."

Craig Brown



The Prince painting a view on the River Dee in 1985.

Royal Academy uncovers the Prince's artful secret

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most of the small pictures are in the Small South Room, the Prince's efforts is unobtrusively placed among more imposing works.

Mr Roger de Grey, the president of the Royal Academy, said yesterday: "It is a modest, serious work which in my view is a work of quite considerable talent".

Mr de Grey may have recognized the Prince's style because he said yesterday that he had been very impressed by two of the Prince's pictures which have been on view at the Royal Watercolour Society exhibition at the Bankside Gallery, Hopton Street, central London, since the beginning of the month.

The Prince is an honorary member of the society, but this was the first year that he had submitted pictures for show.

Professor Norman Adams, Keeper of the Royal Academy and as such tutor to Prince Charles's art student cousin, Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, who herself has two pictures in the academy show, said of the Prince's picture: "It is quite a nice little water colour, modest certainly, but there is nothing wrong with that".

Mr Leonard Rosoman, one of the academy's senior hangers and joint chairman of the hanging committee, said: "This is an absolutely OK water-colour and just the thing for an immature artist at this stage of his career to be doing".

Prince Charles has been a keen painter for several years, but often complains he gets too few opportunities to brush up his technique.

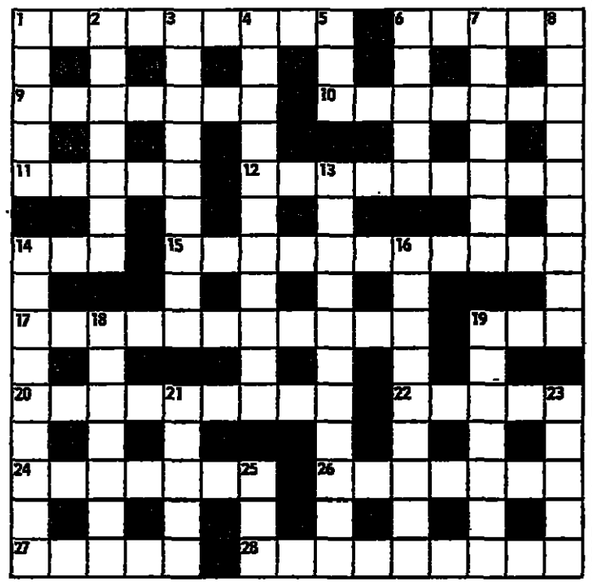
Last year he went to Florence on a short painting holiday with Lady Sarah. The pictures in the Royal Watercolour Society show, which closes on Sunday, are called "Valdemossa" and "Port Suez".

The Prince's painting teacher, Mr Martin Yeoman, who has three pictures elsewhere in the academy show, accompanied the Prince on the royal visit to Oman last year and went on a three-day cruise to Cyprus afterwards to help the Prince improve his technique.

After hearing that *The Times* had unmasked Arthur George Carrick, the Royal Academy said last night: "Buckingham Palace has now confirmed to us that the artist is in fact Prince Charles.

"The academy would like to congratulate His Royal Highness on his success with his first entry for our show, and to thank him for sending us a work of such high quality".

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,370



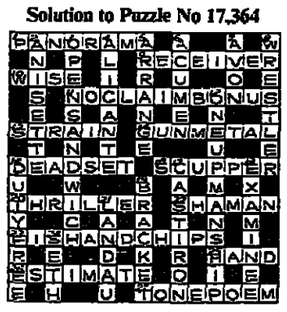
ACROSS

1 Squeak to bring telephone conversation to an end (5,4).
6 Among aces, a king (5).
9 Los Angeles can put in a team that's withdrawn at the start (7).
10 Fancy a little cry (7).
11 Only half is grasped by schoolmarmish governess (5).
12 Oarsmen – several dance (9).
14 Has the ability to stir (3).
15 No sentry had to be ordered to have a shot (3,4,4).
17 Reconstruction of crime – all pay for mystery drama (7,4).
19 Some members of a club are lawyers (3).
20 Strange chap – he's joined a society (9).
22 Share a great deal, so to speak (5).
24 Fancy one soldier wearing long hair (7).
26 Pretend to understand (4,3).
27 List of competitors with two, three or four points (5).
28 Projected into the future, half *the capital is applied to* farm buildings (4-5).

DOWN

1 Flute used to lure men to sea (5).
2 Lily's relation accepts good advice from counsel (7).
3 Mysterious giant mice on the loose (9).
4 An expression of dissatisfaction from everyone in good health (3,4,4).
5 Deep blue . . . (3).
6 . . . love-in-a-mist given water (5).
7 Official document turned up among freedom fighters in internment (7).
8 Slip up, entering separate submission (9).
13 Information a couple of chaps get about the French ladies (11).
14 A flower – make something up about it (9).
16 A threat to planes – Reykjavik's six missing, 100 damaged (9).
18 Smiling and laughing about commercial (7).
19 Where speech can appear all in favour (7).
21 She takes the road into the city (5).
23 It's included in the benefit of clergy (5).
25 Amount taken by one given short measure (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,364



Solution to Puzzle No 17,369



A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: P M Grundy, Tangles, Mill Lane, Pirbright, Woking; F MacAllister, 5a The Abbey, Carlisle; J Levingston, 25 Factory Lane, Peel, Isle of Man; David Kerr, 22 Carbery Ave, London, W3; P R Lane, 28 Knowlewood Knap, Wool, Wareham, Dorset.

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WEATHER

Most areas will begin cloudy, with showers – heavy rain at times in north-east England and north and east Scotland. Outside the south-east and East Anglia there will be some hill and coastal fog patches, but everywhere except the north-east should see brighter, sunnier periods later. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: A cooler showery airstream will affect all parts except northern Scotland where cloudy conditions with more persistent rain will continue. Showers dying out in the west on Monday.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.01	9	48	drizzle
Cromer	-	.01	11	52	rain
Lowestoft	2.3	-	13	55	rain
Clacton	1.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Margate	*	-	14	57	bright
Folkestone	4.0	-	16	61	bright
Eastbourne	5.8	-	18	64	bright
Brighton	3.9	-	17	63	bright
Sandown	5.9	-	20	68	bright
Bournemth	5.8	-	21	70	bright
Weymouth	7.2	-	19	66	sunny
Exmouth	10.4	.01	18	64	sunny
Jersey	3.8	-	15	59	bright
Torquay	7.7	-	20	68	sunny
Falmouth	9.3	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	10.4	-	16	61	sunny
Scilly Isles	11.6	-	15	59	sunny
Guernsey	6.0	-	16	61	sunny
Newquay	6.3	-	15	59	sunny
Ilfracombe	7.0	-	14	57	sunny
Minehead	7.8	-	17	63	sunny
Morecambe	2.2	.04	13	55	cloudy
Douglas	2.1	-	13	55	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	-	.07	15	59	shower
Bristol (Ctrl)	6.1	-	17	63	sunny
Carlisle	2.4	.02	11	52	rain
London	4.4	-	20	68	bright
Manchester	2.7	.09	14	57	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	0.5	.03	10	50	rain
Nottingham	0.6	.04	15	59	rain
Anglesey	4.9	.01	17	63	bright
Cardiff (Ctrl)	7.7	-	16	61	bright
Colwyn Bay	4.0	.05	18	61	cloudy
Aberdeen	1.0	-	12	54	cloudy
Edinburgh	2.3	.03	11	52	rain
Glasgow	0.9	.03	12	54	rain
Lerwick	5.1	-	12	54	hail
Stornoway	3.9	-	10	50	cloudy
Wick	5.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Tiree	3.2	-	12	54	cloudy

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Akrotiri	f	25	77	Madrid	s	24	75
Alex'dria	s	22	72	Majorca	f	22	72
Algiers	f	23	73	Malta	c	22	72
Amst'dm	f	13	55	Melb'rne	c	14	57
Athens	s	22	72	Mexico C*	s	26	79
Barbados*	f	30	86	Miami*	c	28	82
Barcelna	s	22	72	Milan	f	23	73
Belgrade	c	20	68	Montreal*	s	26	79
Berlin	c	12	54	Moscow	c	5	41
Bermuda*	s	23	73	Nairobi	s	25	77
Biarritz	c	17	63	Naples	f	18	64
Brussels	f	14	57	N Delhi	s	38	100
Budapest	f	20	68	Oslo	s	13	55
B Aires*	s	14	57	Paris	f	17	63
Cairo	s	29	84	Prague	c	16	61
Cape Tn	s	29	84	Reykjvik	c	8	46
Ch'church	s	16	61	Rio de J	c	21	70
C'phagn	c	9	48	Riyadh	f	39	102
Corfu	s	21	70	Rome	c	18	64
Dublin	r	13	55	S P'lsco*	s	17	63
Dubrovnik	r	16	61	Santiago*	c	13	55
Frankfurt	c	13	55	S Paulo*	r	16	61
Gibraltar	s	18	64	Seoul	s	23	73
Helsinki	c	7	45	Sing'por	t	31	88
Hong K	r	24	75	St'kholm	f	11	52
Istanbul	s	19	66	Strasb'rg	r	15	59
Jeddah	s	39	102	Tangier	c	13	55
Jo'burg*	s	19	66	Tel aviv	s	25	77
Karachi	f	33	91	Tenerife	s	19	66
L Palmas	s	23	73	Tokyo	f	22	72
Le Touet	f	16	61	Tunis	f	22	72
Lisbon	s	25	77	Valencia	s	25	77
Locarno	f	23	73	Vienna	s	18	64
L Angels*	s	18	64	Warsaw	c	12	54
Luxembg	c	13	55	Wash'ton*	c	27	81
				Zurich	r	11	52

These are Thursday's figures

* Thursday's figures are latest available

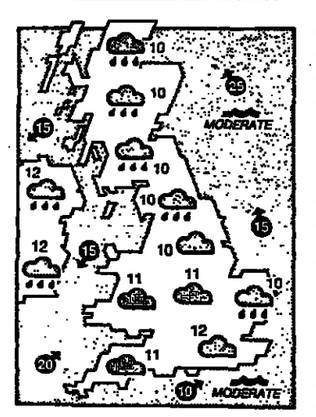
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.14	6.8	4.27	6.7
Aberdeen	3.34	3.9	4.01	3.7
Avonmouth	9.43	12.0	9.51	12.0
Belfast	1.17	3.3	1.42	2.9
Cardiff	9.28	11.1	9.36	11.1
Devonport	8.09	4.8	8.22	5.1
Dover	1.18	6.2	1.42	6.2
Falmouth	7.39	4.7	7.52	4.9
Glasgow	2.49	4.7	3.31	4.3
Harwich	2.07	3.7	2.21	3.6
Holyhead	12.29	5.2	12.53	4.9
Hull	8.40	6.7	9.08	6.5
Ilfracombe	8.24	8.2	8.37	8.3
Leith	4.54	5.0	5.20	5.0
Liverpool	1.21	8.7	1.43	9.5
Lowestoft	11.51	2.3	----	---
Margate	2.17	4.5	2.27	4.5
Milford Haven	8.40	6.2	8.54	6.4
Newquay	7.30	6.3	7.45	6.4
Oban	8.06	3.5	8.08	3.6
Penzance	7.09	4.9	7.22	5.2
Portland	9.18	1.7	9.26	1.8
Portsmouth	1.34	4.4	2.08	4.3
Shoreham	1.13	5.8	1.44	5.7
Southampton	12.56	4.2	1.26	4.1
Swansea	8.49	8.6	8.59	8.7
Tees	5.50	5.0	6.27	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	2.04	3.9	2.17	3.8

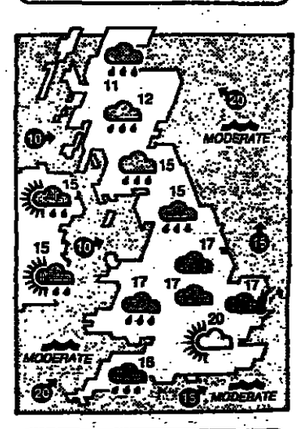
TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.49	6.7	4.57	6.5
Aberdeen	4.07	3.8	4.43	3.6
Avonmouth	10.14	11.5	10.21	11.5
Belfast	1.59	3.3	2.27	2.9
Cardiff	9.59	10.7	10.06	10.6
Devonport	8.43	4.8	8.55	5.0
Dover	1.49	6.0	2.14	6.1
Falmouth	8.13	4.6	8.25	4.8
Glasgow	3.20	4.7	4.06	4.1
Harwich	2.42	3.6	2.52	3.5
Holyhead	1.04	5.1	1.31	4.8
Hull	9.11	6.6	9.44	6.3
Ilfracombe	8.59	8.0	9.11	8.0
Leith	5.30	4.9	6.00	4.9
Liverpool	1.55	8.8	2.19	8.3
Lowestoft	12.28	2.1	12.19	2.3
Margate	2.55	4.4	3.01	4.4
Milford Haven	9.13	6.1	9.27	6.2
Newquay	8.04	6.1	8.18	6.2
Oban	8.42	3.4	8.42	3.5
Penzance	7.45	4.8	7.58	5.1
Portland	9.47	1.5	9.53	1.7
Portsmouth	2.09	4.2	2.46	4.2
Shoreham	1.45	5.6	2.19	5.6
Southampton	1.30	4.1	2.05	4.0
Swansea	9.23	8.3	9.34	8.4
Tees	6.36	4.9	7.08	4.7
W'ton-on-Nze	2.41	3.8	2.48	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 9.36 pm to 4.20 am
Bristol 9.45 pm to 4.30 am
Edinburgh 10.13 pm to 4.07 am
Manchester 9.55 pm to 4.18 am
Penzance 9.50 pm to 4.49 am

TOMORROW
London 9.37 pm to 4.20 am
Bristol 9.46 pm to 4.30 am
Edinburgh 10.15 pm to 4.06 am
Manchester 9.56 pm to 4.17 am
Penzance 9.51 pm to 4.48 am

YESTERDAY

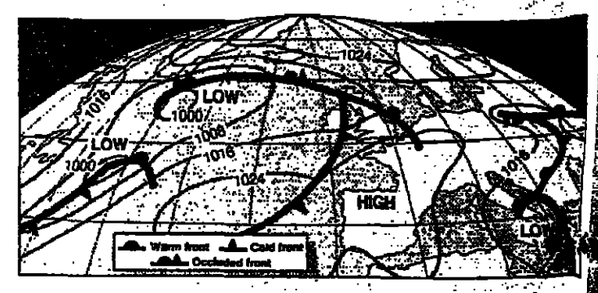
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	11	52	Guernsey	f	14	57
B'mingham	c	15	59	Inverness	s	11	52
Blackpool	r	12	54	Jersey	f	17	63
Bristol	c	15	59	London	f	18	64
Cardiff	c	16	61	M'chester	f	14	57
Edinburgh	c	12	54	Newcastle	r	13	55
Glasgow	c	11	52	N'ridaway	r	10	50

TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	4.51 am	9.06 pm		4.50 am	9.07 pm
	Moon rises: 6.15 am	Moon sets: 12.24 am		Moon sets: 12.24 am	Moon rises: 7.18 am

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1712.1 (+33.9)

FT-SE 100
2203.0 (+45.6)

Bargains
53598 (39986)

USM (Datastream)
179.72 (+1.03)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6285 (+0.0025)

W German mark
2.9671 (+0.0127)

Trade-weighted
72.7 (+0.2)

Election fever spurs market

Poll hopes spark an £8bn spending spree

By Michael Clark, Stock Market Correspondent

Investors went on a massive £8 billion spending spree on the London stock market yesterday, sending share prices soaring as the odds on a Conservative victory continued to shorten.

The buyers came flooding back to the market-place, prompted by the latest opinion polls showing the Conservatives extending their lead over the Labour Party. As a result, the FT index of top 30 shares enjoyed its biggest-ever one- day rise in terms of points, closing 33.9 points higher at 1,712.1 — just 6.9 below its all-time high. Its rise during the long, three-week trading account — which ended yesterday — is 53.4 points, or 3.2 per cent. The broader FT-SE 100 also finished 45.6 points higher at 2,203.0.

An estimated £26.13 billion has now been added to the value of quoted shares since the local government elections in early May and most dealers they could go higher in the run-up to polling day.

Much of yesterday's buying was led by the big City fund managers, who are convinced that confirmation of a third term of office for Mrs Thatcher would be the signal for another surge of buying by foreign investors.

The privatization stocks enjoyed solid support with dealers reporting heavy turnover in the shares of British Gas, British Airways and British Telecom — all of which recorded solid gains. But double-figure rises among the rest of the blue chips stocks were not uncommon.

One leading stockbroker commented: "The political stocks are back in fashion. They are the ones the overseas buyers will be looking at once the result of the election is known."

Dealers are now placing a great deal of faith in the level of overseas money which is expected to pour into London's markets once the election is out of the way. The British economy is said to be booming and, with interest rates still higher than most of the big industrialized nations, brokers expect the tide of money which has been built up abroad to be directed towards London.

The new trading account, starting on Monday, will include polling day on June 11 and is seen by some institutions as the last chance of making more money on the outcome of the election result. Dealers reported plenty of new-time support.

The pound put up a steady performance on the foreign exchanges and seems to have recovered from its bout of nerves earlier this week, which saw it lose ground against the dollar.

Sterling finished the day 28 points higher at $1.6285 and a few pfennigs stronger at DM2.9691. Its value against a basket of currencies was 0.2 up at 72.7.

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Nakasone: measures would be welcomed by other nations

Japan asks for trust on $43bn economy boost

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Japanese government launched its pre-Venice summit package of demand expansion measures last night with a plea to "Trust us."

The administration estimates the total package of stimulatory measures at Y6,000 billion or about $43 billion (£26 billion), made up of $36 billion in public works and projects, and some $7 billion in stimulation from reduced taxation.

The government itself plans to spend $1 billion on special purchases which are expected to include aircraft for government officials and for long-range rescue work. It also promises improved government procurement procedures and lower interest rates on import loans.

The formula is similar to previous packages, with front-loading of public works projects — 80 per cent of them in the first half of the year — and the emphasis heavily on private sector and local government initiatives and borrowing, rather than the central government.

It is hard to estimate both the extent to which this discretionary spending will be taken up and how much will be new money. The government has, however, switched tack by abandoning its fiscal austerity policy to permit resumption of the issuance of construction bonds worth Y8 billion for use by local authorities.

Much of the rest of the expansion will be dependent on a special supplementary budget yet to be drawn up, incorporating the tax cut and the proceeds of the sale of government holdings of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone stock.

The government says the tax cut of Y10 billion will precede overall revision of the tax system, which is now in the hands of a special committee after the government's failure to win approval of its plan for a Japanese-style VAT earlier this year. The administration, however, plans to balance tax reductions with revenue increases from other areas at a later date. To be effective as a stimulant the tax cut will need to come quickly.

A similar Y3,600 billion package introduced last November by the government of Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, proved extremely disappointing in practice, with only a tiny fraction of it real expenditure. A foreign ministry official admitted last night that his ministry had been ashamed of that performance, and insisted that this time the effort will be more substantial.

"We've really gone as far as we can go, so please trust us," said an officer of the Economic Planning Agency (EPA). "Past packages have not been effective, but this one is much more substantive." A foreign ministry official added: "We'd really like you to trust this package."

Mr Nakasone said the new measures would win favour from foreign governments. A western diplomat said the proposals were "significantly different from what we've seen in recent years," with a reasonably positive effect on the domestic economy.

An EPA official claimed last night that the package would bring in between $5 billion and $6 billion in extra imports, but he could give no basis for that calculation.

● Japanese investors stepped up their net purchases of foreign bonds to $7.49 billion in April from $3.33 billion in March, the finance ministry said.

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C&W talks fail to break deadlock

From Our Correspondent, Tokyo

Two consortia competing for a new Japanese international telecommunications licence have again failed to resolve their differences.

The Ministry of Post and Telecommunications has called on the two groups, which include Cable and Wireless, to form a single unit before applying for the licence.

After two and a half hours of debate yesterday on the three key issues separating them — the installation of a new trans-Pacific cable, the share to be allotted each participating company, and the role of directors — the two sides agreed to meet again.

Though the two sides cannot be far from giving up the unification effort, a spokesman said he expected them to meet again at both the middle-manager level and at director level.

If no agreement is reached it is expected the consortia will seek separate licences.

Sunleigh's Dale bid undecided

The board of Sunleigh Electronics and its adviser Singer & Friedlander were locked in discussions last night over the fate of its £15.8 million bid for Dale Electric.

The indications were that an announcement as to the result of the offer would not be made until Monday morning.

Although the 110½p cash option was withdrawn at yesterday's 3pm "closing" date, it is understood that Sunleigh can still extend its share exchange offer by another two weeks.

News credit

News Securities BV, a subsidiary of the media group News Corporation of Australia, is seeking a $125 million (£76.8 million), five-year revolving credit. Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank, the lead manager, said the credit would be targeted at a selected group of European banks. Drawings will be at ½ per cent over the London interbank offered rate during the first two years, with the margin rising to ⅝ per cent thereafter. The commitment fee is ⅜ per cent.

Buying brisk

Sales at John Lewis Partnership, a barometer of activity in the high street, rose strongly earlier this month at the department stores and Waitrose, the partnership's food group. Brisk buying over the bank holiday weekend helped boost total sales for the 16th week of the year to £32 million, 12.1 per cent higher

Shake-up on way at Kennedy

By Our City Staff

The McLeod Russel team which three months ago picked up the reins at Kennedy Smale, the property to engineering group, has unveiled its plans for knocking the company into shape.

Some businesses will be sold, the property values will be written down and the company will raise fresh capital through a share issue.

Details of the board's proposals accompanied Kennedy's annual results yesterday. These showed an improvement in profits from £735,000 to £1.05 million in the year to end-March, on a turnover up from £8.33 million to £12.30 million.

A final dividend of 2.5p is recommended, more than doubling the total for the year from 2p to 4.5p.

McLeod Russel acquired a 29.9 per cent stake in Kennedy last February and installed three of its own nominees on the board, including Mr Nigel Openshaw, the managing director, who took over as chairman.

Mr Openshaw yesterday announced Kennedy would be seeking £3.25 million from its shareholders, via a one-for-three rights issue at 170p a share, to help finance its development.

He also disclosed the balance sheet value of Johnstone House in Aberdeen would be written down from £4.6 million to £3.4 million and that the value of its properties in England would be reduced by £542,000.

The company intended to sell the English properties once they were fully let.

The Bilston engineering subsidiaries, regarded by the new board as "peripheral to the principal activities of the group," are being sold to Mr Alex Johnstone, the former chairman, for £75,000.

New World out to snooker Riley bid

By Michael Tate

Mr Paul Bissett, managing director of Charlwood Leisure, is hoping to upset Midsummer Leisure's £16.4 million takeover bid for Riley Leisure, Britain's largest snooker club group.

Mr Bissett, who runs London's 24 New World snooker clubs, has suggested a merger to Mr Alan Deal, Riley chairman.

He wants Riley to acquire the unquoted Charlwood for between 18 million and 24 million Riley shares, depending on Charlwood's profitability. Such a move would leave Riley shareholders with between 38 per cent and 45 per cent of the enlarged group.

Charlwood said: "Based on historic earnings of Riley, Midsummer and Charlwood, the earnings per share attributable to Riley shareholders will be substantially greater under the Charlwood proposals."

It is a classic reverse takeover scheme and may be more appealing to Mr Deal and his board.

Mr Bissett said that he believed there was "substantial profit recovery to be obtained from Riley's 62 snooker clubs".

Midsummer's offer document goes out today with the reluctant recommendation of the Riley board, minus Mr Bill Abbey, non-executive director, who dissented.

Mr Deal said: "You must remember, we did not seek an offer. But we had to consider it in the light of the current expectations for the share price. Ideally I would still prefer to see Riley remain independent."

Yesterday's announcement lifted the Riley share price by 5p to 99p compared with the 97p-a-share value of the Midsummer bid and its 82½p cash alternative.

Charlwood made unaudited pretax profits of more than £1 million in the year to end-March.

Yeutter urges freer world trade

By Colin Narbrough

The US Trade Representative, Mr Clayton Yeutter, yesterday made clear that the US intends to make freer world trade, especially in agricultural goods, a key issue at the Venice economic summit next month.

But he otherwise sought to lower market expectations of any major new economic initiatives, or fresh action to stabilize the dollar, at the meeting of heads of state and government on June 8-10.

Nor would trade disputes be allowed to get out of hand, Mr Yeutter said, underlining that he saw no risk of a trade war.

Replying to questions from the capitals of the Group of Seven summit nations via a satellite link-up, he acknowledged that discussions in Venice would give much attention to issues such as arms control and East-West relations, and not focus solely on economic matters.

"Significant convergence" already existed between the viewpoints of the seven — the US, Canada, Britain, West Germany, France, Italy and Japan — on economic issues. "The overall sense of direction is generally agreed."

There were differences on trade, and divergences of opinion were to be expected on the approach to other issues, but not on the priorities, he said.

Under pressure from its powerful farming industry, the US will be looking for dramatic progress on trade in agricultural goods, after being greatly pleased by the language on farm trade that emerged from the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development ministerial meeting in Paris this month.

A primary achievement at Venice could be a strong commitment on liberalized trade, "specifically concentrating on agriculture," Mr Yeutter said.

He strongly attacked EEC plans for a tax on vegetable and fish oils and fats — the so-called "fats tax" — describing it as a total violation of the spirit of the new round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

If Europe went ahead with the tax, which would badly hit US farm exports, it would create immense trans-Atlantic tension.

Britain, West Germany and the Netherlands oppose the tax, but the EEC Commission and other member states regard it as crucial to resolving the Community's budgetary problems.

Washington would not, however, let the fats tax issue spoil the GATT round, which was laying the foundations for world trade for decades.

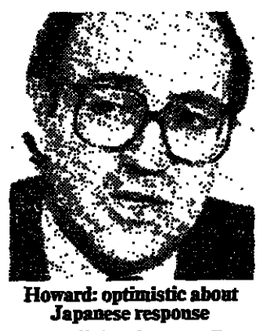
Tokyo set to lower barriers

By Our City Staff

"Deadline" talks for obtaining a positive response from Japan on the key issue of British firms' access to the Tokyo Stock Exchange take place in London today, with both sides indicating that the Japanese response should be sufficient to prevent Britain imposing sanctions.

In March, the Government threatened to retaliate against Japanese financial institutions in the City, unless Japan started to reciprocate the openness that the British market offered to foreign firms. Access to the TSE was central.

The Treasury, host to today's one-day talks, yesterday declined to disclose the agenda or venue, merely saying discussions would involve senior officials from the Treasury, Bank of England, and Department of Trade and Industry. Apart from TSE membership, banking and securities business licensing are expected to dominate the talks.



Howard: optimistic about Japanese response

Sir Geoffrey Littler, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, will head the British side. Britain gave the Japanese until the "Littler talks" — regular bilateral meetings on regulatory issues — to provide a concrete timetable for increasing access for British firms to the TSE to a level Britain felt adequate.

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, who personally delivered Britain's demands, expressed optimism this week that the response would meet Britain's requirements, which would remove the need for retaliation.

Japanese officials also anticipate that the reponse will suffice, and underline the TSE pledge to bring forward talks on access to November.

New Gas tranche set to raise £1.8bn

Tell Sid to send next instalment

By Our City Staff

From Monday the price quoted on the stock market for British Gas shares, which are currently fetching about 119p each, will be based on the assumption that both the first and second instalments for the shares have been paid. So far the price has reflected last December's initial 50p payment only.

All British Gas shares traded from Monday will change hands on the understanding that the second instalment of 45p, which is due by June 9, will be paid by the seller of the shares. There is a third and final payment of 40p which will fall due next April.

Letters have been sent to all the 3.1 million shareholders on the British Gas register to pay the second payment by June 9.

The second call will raise £1.8 billion, substantially more than either the recent British Airways or Rolls-Royce sales.

First-time shareholders flocked to buy shares in British Gas. The company boasts more shareholders than any other British public company, the vast majority of them still owning fewer than 500 shares.

Besides the letters, British Gas has put a string of advertisements in the press to jog investors' memory as the June 9 deadline approaches.

The Department of Energy is particularly keen to reach the 200,000 or so shareholders it believes have moved house since they bought their shares. It says very few have informed British Gas' registrars of their new address.

Moreover, 15,000 to 20,000 notices calling for payment of the second British Gas instalment have been returned by the Post Office because they did not have a postal district number on them.

Virtually all of these were for the London postal area, a spokesman for British Gas said yesterday. Some of the deficient addresses had resulted from the failure of shareholders to include their post code when they originally applied for shares.

However, according to British Gas, a "computer error" at National Westminster Bank which is handling the distribution of the notices, caused the omission of the postal number from 5,000 notices.

National Westminster said that it was still looking into the problem. It could not say whether computer error was to blame.

The returned notices were run through a Post Office sorting machine which is able to allocate postal district numbers to addresses. The readdressed notices were sent out last week on Friday, May 22 — 11 days after they were first posted.

Under the terms of the British Gas share offer, the Government has the legal right to buy back the shares of people who fail to pay the second instalment at the 50p offer price, less costs. This happened in a few instances in the British Telecom share offer.

The British Gas spokesman said that in the event of any shareholder failing to pay the second instalment the Government would look at each case on its merits. Deliberate refusal would lead to forced purchase.

However, if the failure had arisen accidentally then it was likely that the Government would not enforce its rights to buy back the shares, the spokesman said.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2312.35 (+1.67)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	24772.39 (+338.74)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2919.70 (–31.11)
Amsterdam: Gen	287.0 (+0.3)
Sydney: AO	1771.3 (+27.2)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1759.6 (+0.5)
Brussels:	
General	4553.4 (+24.7)
Paris: CAC	n/a
Zurich: SKA Gen	520.40 (+0.20)
London: FT. A	1097.29 (+19.02)
FT. Gilts	92.43 (+0.41)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Nash Inds.	253p (+23p)
Pilkington Bros.	878p (+23p)
J Jarvis	765p (+85p)
Dentend Stamping	327p (+19p)
Alphameric	385p (+24p)
Amstrad	224p (+17p)
Bass	992p (+28p)
Grand Met.	554p (+12p)
TV South	337p (+14p)
Argyll Group	472p (+18p)
Delyan Packaging	595p (+70p)
Boots	312p (+14p)
Coats Viyella	667p (+17p)
Pentland	698p (+15p)
Glaxo	1806p (+32p)
Energy Capital	58p (+15p)
Nat. West.	667p (+14p)
Regent Crest	143p (+17p)
FALLS:	
NMT Computing	575p (–80p)
Dale Electric	104p (–17p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month Interbank 8 15/16–8¾%
3-month eligible bills: 8⅝–8 9/16%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¼%
Federal Funds 6 9/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.69-5.67%*
30-year bonds 100 15/16–101

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6285	£: $1.6280*
£: DM2.9671	$: DM1.8245*
£: SwFr2.4590	$: SwFr1.5115*
£: FFr9.8931	$: FFr6.0895*
£: Yen234.17	$: Yen144.05*
£: Index:72.7	$: Index:101.9
ECU £0.700961	SDR £0.79192

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $451.75 pm $451.00
close $451.50-452.00 ($277.50-278.00)
New York:
Comex $450.90-451.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) pm $18.45 bbl ($18.47)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Two year performance to 1st May

Trust	Percentage increase in value	Position in sector
European	+131.1	5th
Worldwide Recovery	+104.8	2nd
Pacific	+98.5	13th
Japan	+96.0	26th
International	+86.2	9th
Income & Growth	+84.1	5th
UK	+82.4	37th
Practical	+71.6	1st
High Income	+59.6	13th
American	+16.7	30th

Figures to 1.5.87 Source: Opal, offers to bid, income reinvested.

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STOCK MARKET

Shares jump on latest poll hopes

By Geoffrey Foster

The stock market was gripped by election fever yesterday as an opinion poll giving the Conservatives a 12 per cent lead over Labour restored dealers' confidence and helped the three-week holiday account, which had showed signs of dying on its feet earlier this week, to close on a buoyant note.

The Marplan poll, the first big survey since defence became the central issue of the election campaign, which came hard on the heels of April's better-than-expected trade figures and NIESR's cheerful economic review, proved all that was needed to rekindle investors' enthusiasm and tempt fund managers to reinvest in the hope of an overwhelming Tory victory.

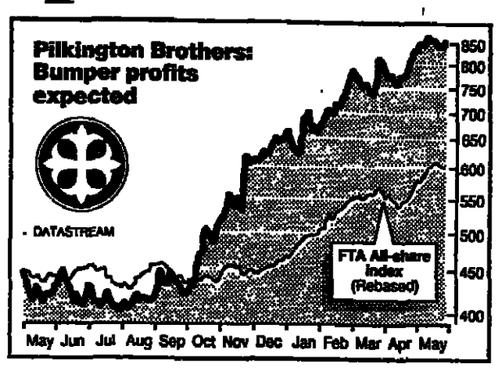
Overnight strength on Wall Street and Tokyo also added to the market's optimism and equities fairly raced away after an initial mark-up by market-makers. Persistent demand, some of which was for new-time ahead of the new, two-week account which takes in election day, prompted double-figure gains in most areas, particularly in stores, foods, builders and properties, where stock shortages helped to accentuate the gains.

The FT 30 Share index advanced steadily, to close 33.9 points higher at 1,712.1, while the broader FT-SE 100 ended a hectic session 45.6 points up at 2,203.0, making a gain of more than 76 points on the account.

International stocks proved particularly popular, helped by Wall Street influences. ICI jumped by 37p to 1,432p and Glaxo advanced 24p to 1,598p. Wellcome improved by 5p to 468p in anticipation of next week's conference in Venice when the seven main industrial countries will discuss the Aids disease.

● **Barclays de Zoete Wedd reckons an upgrading of the Ninian Field in the North Sea will be good news for Lasmo with an 8.6 per cent stake. The broker says it could add an extra 165 million barrels to reserves already estimated at 400 million barrels. The shares, up 2p at 255p, are rated a buy.**

British Telecom, the stock market's current political barometer, was quick to respond to the increased Tory lead, jumping by 10p to 310p, following a trade of 12 million shares, while **Rolls-Royce** recovered from Thursday's bout of jitters (which had stemmed from reports of the loss of a big contract and talk that the Japanese were being forced to reduce their holdings) and closed at about the 137p level, still making a 52p premium above the 85p partly-paid price. More than 15 million shares changed hands.



Following impressive debuts by Henry Barrett and Computer Services, dealings in Pickwick, the cut-price records and videos distributor, also got off to a flying start. The shares, offered for sale by NM Rothschild at 125p each, immediately raced away to 183p before closing at 180p — a premium of 55p.

Pilkington Brothers, the world's largest glass manufacturer, continued to climb in keen anticipation of next Wednesday's results. The group has already forecast pretax profits of £250 million, but some brokers, including County Securities, are looking for annual earnings well in excess of £250 million.

Since fighting off a £1.2 billion bid from Sir Owen Green's BTR, after one of the most politically contentious takeover battles in recent years, Pilkington's shares have not looked back.

From a closing level of 660p on the day in January when BTR abandoned its offer, the shares have advanced almost in a straight line to last night's level of 878p and analysts are of the opinion that there is still further to go for in the short-term

Mr "Tiny" Rowland's **Lonrho** was showing signs of life, as more than 6 million shares changed hands, with the close being 14p higher at 293p. Buyers chased the shares higher ahead of next Thursday's interim figures, which have suddenly been brought forward. Analysts forecast about £85 million for the half-year and hope that a good profits performance from the company will augur well for the proposed listing of the company's shares in Tokyo on June 12.

Property shares were given a fillip by the news that since Big Bang rents in the City of London have jumped — with the best new space in the Square Mile now costing £55 per square feet compared with the £45 charged at the start of the year. **Land Securities** added 18p, at 514p, while **MEPC** gained 14p at 468p.

● **Fears in the City that Zantac, Glaxo's best-selling anti-ulcer drug, may be running out of steam appear to have been eased by talk that it has again increased its share of the lucrative US market. Phillips & Drew, the broker, was said to be a big buyer of the shares as the price breeched the £16 level, rising 31p to £16.05.**

The likelihood of a Tory election victory also buoyed the stores sector as investors paid heed to the Chancellor's recent promise that he would cut the basic rate of income tax to 25p if re-elected.

Dixons jumped 12p to 389p, **Gussies "A,"** 25 to 1,410p and **Storehouse**, 7p to 317p. **Sears**, additionally helped by revived talk of a possible bid from Mr Robert Holmes à Court, ended 3p higher at 161½p following a turnover of nearly 9 million shares.

Still in the stores sector, **Edward Jones** and **Asprey**, both jewellery stocks, were favoured on suggestions that Ratners would be turning its attentions to them after failing to pry the Zales, Weir and Collingwood shops away from Combined English Stores. Edward Jones rose 14p to 155p and Asprey jumped 55p to 710p.

British Aerospace, the producer of a broad range of aerospace products, failed to take part in the equity rally.

Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, put a spanner in the works by downgrading profit forecasts for the company for the next three years, citing the strength of the pound as the main contributory factor.

News of this quickly filtered through to the late trading and the shares were heavily sold, bringing a close of 591p, down 17p on balance. More than 8 million shares changed hands.

WALL STREET

Bright opening by Dow fades in early trading

New York (Agencies) — Investors' enthusiasm, spurred by strong dollar and bond markets as well as encouraging moves by the Japanese to prop up their economy, began to wane in early trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which was up by 13 points at the opening, later stood at 2,318.68 — a rise of 8 points. Rising shares outnumbered falling ones by two to one on a volume of 55 million shares. ICN Pharmaceuticals fell by 1 to 11¼ as concern grew about the sale of its anti-Aids drug.

Pepsico Inc rose by ¼ to 34⅞ in active, early trading yesterday, a day after the company met analysts at a seminar in Lexington, Kentucky, the home of its Kentucky Fried Chicken operation. Mr D Wayne Calloway, the PepsiCo chairman, told the analysts: "We couldn't be more bullish than we are today."

The restaurants contributed 29 per cent, or $2.68 billion to 1986 revennes, 23 per cent, or $210 million, to operating income and accounted for 44 per cent, or $385 million, to PepsiCo's capital spending last year.

	May 28	May 27		May 28	May 27		May 28	May 27
AMR Cp	57⅝	55⅝	Firestone	39	38⅝	Pepsico	34½	34⅛
ASA	57	55⅝	Fst Chicago	28⅜	28½	Pfizer	65¼	64¼
Aetna Life	57⅛	57⅛	Fst Int Bncp	53⅜	53	Phelps Dod	31⅞	31¼
Allied Signal	41⅜	42⅜	Fst Penn C	10½	10½	Philip Mor	86⅜	87
Allis Chalm	3¼	3	FT Wachvia	40½	40¼	Philip Pet	15⅜	15¼
Alcoa	48⅛	48	Ford Motor	60⅜	61¼	Polaroid	73¼	73¼
Amax Inc	21½	20⅝	GAF Cp	48⅜	48⅜	Primerica	39⅝	39½
AMR Hess	35¼	35¼	GTE Cp	35¼	36⅛	Procl Gble	92½	91
Am Brands	44⅛	44⅜	Gen Cp	102	102⅜	Pub Svc Eg	38⅝	38¼
Am Cynmd	66⅜	66¼	Gn Dynam	64¼	64¼	Raytheon	74¼	74
Am Ele Pwr	26⅜	26⅝	Genelct	52⅜	51⅜	Rymids Met	63⅜	63½
Amexs	34¼	34⅜	Gen Inst	32⅜	33⅜	Rockwell Int	25⅜	25⅝
Am Home	82⅜	81⅛	Gen Mills	52⅜	51⅜	Royal Dutch	125⅛	123⅝
Am Motors	4¼	4¼	Gen Motors	82⅜	83⅜	SFE Sopac	47⅜	45
Am Stand	42⅜	42	Gen Pub Ut	24⅜	24	Sara Lee	41⅜	40⅜
Am Telph	25⅞	25¼	Genesco	4⅜	4¼	Schlumb	42⅜	42⅜
Amoco Cp	83⅜	88¼	Georgia Pac	43	43⅜	Scott Pap	67⅜	68⅛
Armco Steel	11⅜	11⅜	Gillette	29⅜	29⅜	Seagram	69½	69⅛
Asarco Inc	23⅜	23⅜	Goodrich	50⅛	49⅜	Sears Roeb	52⅛	51⅞
Ashland Oil	62⅜	63⅜	Goodyear	67⅝	64⅛	Shell Trans	84	82¼
Atl Richfld	88⅛	88½	Gould Inc	17¾	17½	Singer	43⅜	42⅜
Bk Boston	35⅛	34⅛	Grace Co.	65	65¼	Smithkln Bk	108⅛	107½
Bank NY	39⅝	40	Grt Atl Pac	33⅛	33⅛	Sony Cp	21⅛	21⅛
Bankamer	11⅛	11	Greyhnd	42⅜	43⅜	Sth Cal Ed	30⅛	30⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	46¼	45⅝	Gruman	25⅛	25⅛	SW Bell	36⅛	36⅛
Beth Steel	14⅛	14⅝	Gulf & West	82⅝	84	Std Oil	73⅜	73⅝
Boeing	46⅝	45⅛	Heinz	44	43⅝	Starl Drug	50⅜	50⅛
Boise Casc	71	70⅜	Hewlet Pk	84⅝	84⅛	Stevens JP	43	43⅜
Borden	57⅜	56⅛	Honeywell	79⅛	79⅜	Sun Comp	63⅛	63⅜
Borg Warnr	45¼	45⅛	IC Ind	33	31⅜	Texaco	37⅜	37⅜
Brist Myer	97½	96⅛	ITT Cp	55⅛	54⅜	Tex Eastn	35¼	35¼
BP	67⅛	67⅜	INCO	17⅛	17	Tex Inst	175	175
Brunswick	45¼	44⅜	Ingersoll	75⅜	76⅜	Tex Utl	30¼	31⅛
Burl Ind	76⅝	76⅛	Inland Steel	29	28⅝	Textron	58½	60½
Burl Nrth	69⅝	70⅛	IBM	162¼	161⅛	Travelers	43⅜	44
CBS	162⅛	163⅜	Int Paper	47¼	47½	Unocal	36	36⅜
CPC Int	46⅝	47	Irving Bk	40⅝	41⅛	USG	38	36⅜
CSX Cp	33⅛	32⅝	Jeff S Jhsn	84⅜	84⅜	USX Cp	30	30⅛
Campbell Sp	63⅛	62⅛	K Mart Cp	60	60	Unilever NV	306	306½
Can Pacific	17⅛	17⅞	Kassenech	18	18½	Un Carbide	29¼	28⅛
Caterpillar	53⅜	53⅜	Kerr McGee	37½	35⅝	Un Pac Cp	72⅜	72⅜
Centri SW	30	29⅜	Kimbrly Clrk	55	55⅛	Unisys Cp	122⅝	119⅝
Champion	34½	35¼	Kratt	58⅛	58⅛	Utd Brands	37⅛	37⅜
Chase Man	37⅜	37⅛	Kroger	31⅜	31⅛	Utd Tech	46⅜	46
Chem NY	42	42	LTV Cp	5	5⅛	Upjohn	92⅝	92⅝
Chevron	57⅜	57⅝	Litton	92½	92⅝	Unocal	37⅞	37⅝
Chrysler	34⅜	34⅜	Lockheed	53½	52⅜	Walter Jim	50	49⅜
Citicorp	56⅝	57⅛	Lucky Str	26⅝	26⅛	Warn Lamb	68⅜	68⅝
Clark Eq	27⅛	27⅛	Man H'nver	40½	40⅝	Wells Far	52⅜	51⅜
Coca Cola	41⅞	41⅛	Manville	3⅛	3⅛	Westg El	59⅜	60½
Colgate	44	43⅜	Mapco	59¼	58⅜	Weyerhse	49⅜	50
Columb Gas	46⅝	46⅝	Manne Mid	48⅞	48⅜	Whirlpool	38⅜	38
Cmb'tn Eng	34⅛	34	Mt Marnera	44⅜	44⅛	Woolworth	47⅛	46⅝
Conwith Ed	34	33⅛	Masco	35⅞	34⅞	Xerox Cp	78⅛	78½
Cons Edis	42⅛	41⅛	Mcdonalds	80⅜	80⅛	Zenith	27⅞	27⅝
Consol Ng	39⅝	39⅛	McDermott	68⅜	68			
Cons Pwr	n.a	n.a	Mead Cp	65½	64⅝			
Cont Data	32¾	32½	Merck	158	154⅛			
Corning Gl	60¼	60¼	Minsta Mng	129⅝	129⅛			
Crane	27⅛	26⅝	Mobil	45⅛	45⅜			
Curtiss Wrt	61¼	61½	Monsanto	82⅜	82¼			
Data Genl	35⅝	34⅛	Morgan Jp	43⅜	43⅜			
Deere Cp	29⅜	28⅝	Motorola	55⅜	56¼			
Delta Air	55¼	54	NCR	75⅛	74⅛			
Detroit Edl	16⅛	16⅜	NL Indstrs	7⅛	7⅛			
Digital Eq	168⅜	160	Nat Distill	61½	62⅛			
Disney	64⅛	64	Nat Md Ent	26⅝	26⅝			
Dow Chem	81⅛	81⅝	Nat Semi	14	13⅜			
Dresssr Ind	28⅝	29⅜	Norfolk Sth	30⅜	30⅜			
Dupont	112¼	112⅜	NW Bancrp	39¾	39⅝			
Duke Pwr	43⅜	43	Occid Petl	36⅜	34⅛			
East Kodak	80⅛	80⅛	Ogden Cp	68⅛	68⅛			
Eaton Cp	89⅜	89	Olin Cp	50⅜	50			
Emerson El	103⅜	102⅜	PPG Ind	36⅝	36			
Emery Air	17⅛	15⅜	Pac Gas El	20⅜	20⅜			
Exxon	67⅛	67⅝	Pan Am	5	5			
Farah Inc	16⅜	16	Penney JC	51¼	51½			
Fedders	8⅛	8	Pennzoil	82¾	82⅜			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	33½	32¾
Alcan Alum	37⅛	37⅝
Algoma Stl	16½	16¼
Can Pacific	23⅜	23½
Cominco	17¾	17⅝
Con Bathrst	18⅛	18¼
Hawk S Can	27	27
Hud Bay M	25⅛	25⅜
Imasco	34	34¼
Imperial Oil	68	69
Int Pipe	48¼	48
Royl Trstco	33⅜	33¼
Seagram	93½	93⅜
Shelco 'A'	25¼	25⅜
Thmsn N 'A'	31½	31
Trizec	31⅜	31
Vanity Cp	3.35	3.40
WCT	17⅜	17¼
Weston	40½	40⅜

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	9,800	English China	581	Rank Org	444
Amstrad	11,000	Fisons	1,700	Rank Hovis	2,000
Argyll	2,800	Gen Accident	341	Redland	1,900
ASDA-MFI	3,200	GEC	8,800	Reckitt Colman	299
Ass Br Foods	708	Glaxo	2,000	Reed Int	1,000
BET	1,700	Globe IT	1,000	Reuters	4,100
BTR	5,700	Granada	4,100	RMC Group	307
BAT	3,600	Grand Met	3,300	RTZ	516
Barclays	2,300	GUS 'A'	397	Rowntree	707
Bass	800	GRE	200	Royal B of Scot	244
Beecham	2,700	GKN	3,400	Royal Ins	1,000
Blue Circle	1,000	Guinness	4,500	Saatchi	1,400
BOC	1,900	Hanson	10,000	Sainsbury (J)	1,200
Boots	5,600	Hawker Siddeley	92	Sears	8,900
BPB Ind	562	Hillsdown	8,500	Sedgwick Gp	412
BPCC	4,700	Imp Chem Ind	2,100	Shell	2,200
Br Aerospace	4,500	Jaguar	2,600	Smith & Nephew	3,300
Br Airways	22,000	Ladbroke	3,200	STC	4,100
Brit Comm	593	Land Securities	2,300	Stan Chart	1,200
Br Gas	36,000	Legal & Gen	1,400	Storehouse	4,200
Br Petroleum	6,200	Lloyds	2,100	Sun Alliance	921
Br Telecom	14,000	Lonhro	6,000	Tarmac	904
Britoil	2,600	Marks & Spencer	6,400	TSB P/P	7 500
Bunzl	495	MEPC	1,400	Tesco	2,100
Burton	3,100	Midland	1,100	Thorn EMI	1,100
Cable & Wireless	4,100	Nat West	3,000	Trafalgar House	639
Cadbury Schwep	11,000	Next	4,900	Trusthouse Forte	1,300
Coats Viyella	394	P & O Dfrd	2,300	Unigate	907
Com Union	2,100	Pearson	1,700	Unilever	573
Cons Goldfields	664	Pilkington Bros	2,200	Utd Biscuits	4,500
Cookson Gp	1,700	Pleasey	13,000	Wellcome	1,500
Courtaulds	1,200	Prudential	452	Whitbread 'A'	2,900
Dee Corp	3,300	Racal Elect	16,000	Woolworth	1,200
Dixons Gp	1,700				

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range May 29	Market rates close May 29	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6230-1.6290	1.6260-1.6290	0.25-0.22prem	0.67-0.62prem
Montreal	2.1742-2.1845	2.1807-2.1845	0.15-0.05prem	0.35-0.23prem
Ams'dam	3.3316-3.3443	3.3398-3.3443	1⅜-⅜prem	3¼-3prem
Brussels	67.23-61.54	61.34-61.54	13-8prem	34-26prem
C'phgen	11.1278-11.1715	11.1484-11.1715	⅝-1⅛dis	2¼-3¼
Dublin	1.1073-1.1093	1.1074-1.1084	21-25dis	46-60dis
Frankfurt	2.9585-2.9713	2.9676-2.9713	1¼-1⅛prem	3¼-3⅛prem
Lisbon	229.26-232.06	231.17-232.06	104-155dis	328-413dis
Madrid	206.54-206.98	206.69-206.98	⅞-1⅛dis	2½-3⅛dis
Milan	2134.28-2144.58	2138.38-2144.58	1-4dis	2-9dis
Oslo	10.9491-10.9924	10.9694-10.9924	4¼-5¼dis	14¼-15dis
Paris	9.8607-9.9084	9.8942-9.9084	⅝-¾prem	1⅝-1⅞prem
St'khlm	10.3086-10.3459	10.3281-10.3459	¼-⅝dis	1¼-2¼dis
Tokyo	233.68-234.58	234.19-234.58	1⅛-⅜prem	3⅝-2⅞prem
Vienna	20.79-20.86	20.83-20.86	5-7¼prem	24½-22¾prem
Zurich	2.4559-2.4618	2.4559-2.4607	1⅛-⅞prem	3¼-2⅝prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 72.7 (day's range 72.5-72.7).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.6251-2.6368
Australia dollar	2.2803-2.2834
Bahrain dinar	0.6100-0.6140
Brazil cruzado *	54.9519-55.2805
Cyprus pound	0.7780-0.7880
Finland marka	7.1575-7.1975
Greece drachma	219.75-221.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.6860-12.6897
India rupee	20.78-20.98
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4495-0.4535
Malaysia dollar	4.0586-4.0631
Mexico peso	2035.0-2065.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8184-2.8253
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0700-6.1100
Singapore dollar	3.4441-3.4480
S Africa rand (fin)	5.5658-5.6661
S Africa rand (com)	3.2828-3.2915
U A E dirham	5.9425-5.9825
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4695-1.4715
Singapore	2.1195-2.1205
Malaysia	2.4960-2.4990
Australia	0.7121-0.7126
Canada	1.3390-1.3400
Sweden	6.3475-6.3525
Norway	6.7425-6.7475
Denmark	6.8550-6.8600
West Germany	1.8220-1.8230
Switzerland	1.5100-1.5110
Netherlands	2.0525-2.0535
France	6.0710-6.0760
Japan	143.75-143.85
Italy	1314.5-1315.5
Belgium(Comm)	37.77-37.82
Hong Kong	7.8075-7.8085
Portugal	141.90-142.40
Spain	127.00-127.10
Austria	12.79-12.81

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 87	91.30	91.34	91.14	91.22	1675
Sep 87	91.33	91.38	91.23	91.36	4313
Dec 87	91.15	91.22	91.10	91.20	350
Mar 88	91.00	91.04	90.97	91.02	291
Jun 88	90.85	90.86	90.85	90.86	58
Sep 88	90.70	90.70	90.70	90.70	35
Dec 88	90.50	90.50	90.50	90.50	10
Mar 89	90.40	90.40	90.40	90.30	1
		Previous day's total open interest 22615			
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	92.86	92.76	92.86	92.74	1400
Sep 87	92.11	92.22	92.07	92.17	8435
Dec 87	91.75	91.92	91.75	91.86	1028
Mar 88	91.54	91.71	91.54	91.65	560
Jun 88	91.35	91.50	91.34	91.48	42
Sep 88	91.26	91.26	91.26	91.33	10
Dec 88	NT	----	----	91.18	0
Mar 89	NT	----	----	91.05	0
		Previous day's total open interest 32784			
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	91-12	92-04	91-12	91-19	5217
Sep 87	90-17	91-07	90-16	90-24	1336
Dec 87	NT	----	----	89-26	0
		Previous day's total open interest 4788			
Short Gilt					
Jun 87	NT	----	----	----	
Sep 87	NT	----	----	----	
Dec 87	NT	----	----	----	
		Previous day's total open interest 0			
Long Gilt					
Jun 87	126-13	127-04	126-02	127-00	3727
Sep 87	126-15	127-05	126-00	126-31	32194
Dec 87	NT	----	----	126-25	0
		Previous day's total open interest 30332			
FT-SE 100					
Jun 87	220.80	223.90	220.30	223.20	1764
Sep 87	224.70	228.40	224.70	227.50	48
		Previous day's total open interest 6777			

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Airtours (180p)	229 +1
Astra Hldgs (28p)	38 +2
Barrett H (77p)	103 +4
Bellwinch (115p)	147 –1
Bonded Laminates	108
Burford (80p)	255 +5
Camb Isotopes (55p)	82
Chemoxy Intl	238 –3
Computer People (230p)	288 –3
Cundell New (125p)	146 –2
Doeflex (135p)	180
Filofax	180
Mallett	233 +2
March Gp	121
Nobo (152p)	194 –2
Perpetual (180p)	195
Practical (83p)	95
RKF	91 +3
Reliance Sec	196
Rolls-Royce (85p)	138 +1
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	263
Select App (135p)	233 –2
Sharp & Law (125p)	166 +1
Shoralpian (92p)	99 +1
UCL Gp	158 –2
Virgin (140p)	163 –1
Waterglade (140p)	215
Wyevale (120p)	290 –10

RIGHTS ISSUES

Assoc Book N/P	33
Blackwood Hodge N/P	13 –½
Crowther J N/P	17½ +½
Fisher A N/P	121½ +1½
Kennedy Brookes N/P	90 +6
Phoenix Timber N/P	17
Tyzack N/P	47 +13

(Issue price in brackets).

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9
Finance House 10

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9¼ Low 8
Week fixed: 8⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 mnth 8²³/₃₂ / 2 mnth 8¹⁹/₃₂
3 mnth 8¹⁰/₃₂ / 3 mnth 8¹⁷/₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 8¼-8²⁵/₃₂ / 2 mnth 8¼-8⅜
3 mnth 8⅜-8¹⁵/₁₆ / 6 mnth 8½-8⅜

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9½ / 2 mnth 9¼
3 mnth 9¼ / 6 mnth 9¼

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9 close 8½
1 week 9-8¾ / 6 mnth 8¾-8¹³/₁₆
1 mnth 9-8⅞ / 9 mnth 9¹/₁₆-8¹⁵/₁₆
3 mnth 8¹⁵/₁₆-8¾ / 12 mth 9¼-9

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 8½ / 7 days 8½
1 mnth 8¾ / 3 mnth 8¾
6 mnth 8¾ / 12 mth 8¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 8¹⁵/₁₆-8¹¹/₁₆ / 2 mnth 9-8¾
3 mnth 9-8¾ / 6 mnth 9¼-8⅝
9 mnth 9¹/₁₆-8¹⁵/₁₆ / 12 mth 9¼-9

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 8¹⁵/₁₆-8¹¹/₁₆ / 3 mnth 8¹³/₁₆-8¹¹/₁₆
6 mnth 8¹³/₁₆-8¹¹/₁₆ / 12 mth 8⅝-8¾

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 7.05-7.00 / 3 mnth 7.25-7.20
6 mnth 7.50-7.45 / 12 mth 8.05-8.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	7-6	
7 days	6¾-6¹¹/₁₆	1 mnth	7¹/₁₆-6¹⁵/₁₆
3 mnth	7¼-7⅛	6 mnth	7⅛-7¹/₁₆
Deutschmark	call	4-3	
7 days	3¾-3⅝	1 mnth	3⅝-3½
3 mnth	3¾-3¾	6 mnth	3⅝-3½
French Franc	call	8¼-7¾	
7 days	8¼-7¼	1 mnth	8¼-8
3 mnth	8¼-8¼	6 mnth	8⅝-8½
Swiss Franc	call	1¼-⅞	
7 days	2¼-2¼	1 mnth	4⁵/₁₆-4³/₁₆
3 mnth	3¹⁵/₁₆-3¹³/₁₆	6 mnth	3¹⁵/₁₆-3¹³/₁₆
Yen	call	3¾-2¾	
7 days	4¹/₁₆-3¹⁵/₁₆	1 mnth	4-3¾
3 mnth	4-3¾	6 mnth	4-3¾

BULLION

Gold: $451.50-452.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 452.00-455.00 (£277.75-279.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 105.50-108.50 (£64.75-65.50)
Platinum
$ 574.00 (£353.00)
Silver
$ 7.6100-7.6500 (£4.6750-4.7000)

TREASURY BILLS

Applics: £1,284M — allotted: £400M
Bids: £97.875% — received: 94%
Last week: £97.915% — received: 22%
Avge rate: £9.4947% — last wk £9.3344%
Next week: £400M — replace £100M

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 29, 1987. Agreed rates for period June 24, 1987 to July 25, 1987. Scheme I: 10.54 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.12 per cent. Reference rate for period May 1, 1987 to May 29, 1987. Scheme IV: 8.673 per cent.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 18	Jun 5	Aug 20	Sep 1

Call options were taken out on: 29/5/87 Rolls-Royce, Stoddard 'A' Stead & Simpson, Martin Ford, Brown & Jackson, Control Securities, Regentcrest, British Airways, Land Group, Boustead, Burnett & Hallamshire, Blacks Leisure, Richardsons Westgarth, ASDA-MFI Group, Benlox Holdings, Astra Industrial Group, Bndon, Bio-Isolates, Sangers, Sheraton Securities, Charterhall.
Puts: Boustead, British Telecom.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Allied Lyons (*446)	360	93	93	102	1	4	7
	390	54	68	82	4	8	15
	420	32	48	57	12	18	23
British Gas (*117)	80	40	43½	—	½	1	—
	90	30½	34½	38½	1¾	2	4
	100	22	26½	32½	3	5	7
British Arways (*156)	130	28	34	—	3	6	—
	140	20	26	35	5	91	12
	160	8½	17	25	15	18	25
BP (*353)	317	47	56	—	5	14	—
	330	38	47	58	11	20	23
	360	19	31	40	23	34	40
Bristol (*278)	220	64	69	75	2	5	8
	240	46	56	63	7	11	15
	260	32	41	50	12	19	23
Cons Gold (*1030)	950	127	150	175	18	32	37
	1000	97	120	137	42	54	57
	1050	74	100	117	65	77	80
Courtaulds (*489)	360	110	121	—	1	2	—
	390	80	97	105	3	6	12
	420	50	75	85	7	14	22
	460	24	43	56	20	28	35
Com Union (*323)	300	33	44	50	5	9	12
	330	15	26	34	14	20	23
	360	5	12	16	39	43	45
Cable & Wire (*405)	330	82	92	107	2	6	10
	360	58	72	87	6	15	20
	390	33	53	67	15	25	33
	420	18	34	48	30	42	47
GEC (*232)	200	35	41	50	2	7	10
	220	22	30	36	8	14	17
	240	12	19	25	19	24	28
Grand Met (*556)	420	142	150	158	1	2	2
	460	102	112	122	1	5	9
	500	67	77	88	6	10	15
	550	28	39	55	18	27	33
ICI (*1436)	1350	120	160	195	18	38	53
	1400	90	125	165	35	57	70
	1450	60	88	137	53	80	93
	1500	35	75	—	83	110	—
Land Securities (*514)	420	92	105	115	2	6	10
	460	52	70	87	6	12	18
	500	27	42

BankAmerica chief says reserves are sufficient

San Francisco (Reuter) – Mr AW (Tom) Clausen, chairman of BankAmerica, said his banking group has sufficient provisions for bad foreign loans, but will follow other banks and boost its loan loss reserves if necessary.

Citicorp and Chase Manhattan, two other leading banks, have announced sharp increases in the money they put aside to protect themselves against loans that may go bad.

Citicorp is adding $3 billion (£1.8 billion), while Chase is to boost its reserves by $1.6 billion. Banking analysts say other banks with huge Third World debt exposures are likely to follow suit.

BankAmerica, the nation's second largest bank, is among the most heavily exposed US banks to Third World debt, with total loans of $6.7 billion.

It is because of problems with these loans, as well as in energy and real estate, that BankAmerica has posted huge losses in recent quarters.

It lost $518 million in 1986, and posted a $67 million profit in the first quarter of 1987 only because of one-time gains.

BankAmerica was among the banks hit by Brazil's announcement in February that it would suspend payments on $68 billion in loans to foreign banks.

At the end of the first quarter, BankAmerica put $1.9 billion of Brazilian loans on a cash basis, meaning that interest payments are credited only when received. This cut earnings for the quarter by $40 million.

In a statement prepared for the company's annual meeting, Mr Clausen said: "We are continuing to monitor conditions in the developing countries, together with industry trends, and will adjust our reserves if appropriate." He added, however, that BankAmerica's loan loss reserves were appropriate for its loan portfolio.

BankAmerica's loan loss reserves stood at $2.2 billion, equal to 3.16 per cent of its loans, as of March 31.

This is higher than many other banks, and is only slightly below the 4.1 per cent reserve ratio for Chase and the 3.7 per cent reserve at Citicorp after their huge additions to reserves.



Clausen: 'We will adjust our reserves if appropriate'

'Robust' start for Burmah Oil

COMPANY NEWS

Mr John Maltby, the chairman of Burmah Oil, told yesterday's annual meeting that 1987 had opened in a most robust fashion. The high margins achieved in 1986 were holding up well and, with world economic growth continuing, the board had every confidence of again reporting strong results. Burmah will concentrate on areas where it has already established credentials.

The focus will be on the expansion and growth of marketing activities, although it also sees the LNG operation as an important part of group, providing an assured cash-flow up to and beyond the end of the century.

Burmah had the financial capacity to invest substantially in chosen areas. The priority will be to invest in businesses it has, Mr Maltby said. It can also invest in other businesses, but these will be related to ones it is in at present.

● **QUEENS MOAT HOUSES:** Mr John Bairstow, the chairman, told yesterday's annual meeting, that the favourable conditions of last year had continued into 1987. Management accounts for the first four months of the current year showed a worthwhile advance on last time and were ahead of 1987 budget.

Mr Bairstow declared that, bearing in mind the 47 per cent increase in bedroom capacity that was added last year was moving into full profitability, the indications were that the company was set for another record year.

● **LONDON & EDINBURGH TRUST:** This rapidly growing property development company, which has been spreading its wings through offices in America, France, Germany and Holland, is planning to open a new office to service the Pacific Basin. Mr John Beckwith, the chairman, told the annual meeting yesterday that the company hoped to announce the opening of the new office, which will be administered from Hong Kong, shortly.

London & Edinburgh, which made its name with big, City office developments such as Billingsgate and Ropemaker Place, has been performing well recently. Pretax profits leapt by 64 per cent to a record £15.1 million last year. Mr Beckwith said that the new wave of representative offices abroad were part of the company's strategy to spread the risk of its international property development and investment programme as widely as possible so that an economic downturn in one country could be offset by a boom in another part of the world.

● **CHAMBERLIN & HILL:** This company, which has interests in foundries and electrical engineering, lifted its pretax profits from £531,000 to £580,000 in the year to March 31. Given improved order books, the company is expecting a further significant boost in profits this year. Turnover edged up to £11.69 million from £11.36 million, and a 0.5p rise in the final dividend, to 2.6p, makes 4p in all, compared with 3.5p last year. Chamberlin has just emerged from a rough patch in its long history. Last autumn, it completed the final stage of a three-year rationalization programme during which it slimmed production from seven sites to four.

● **RECKITT & COLMAN:** The chairman is now Sir Michael Colman.

Shield pays £7.48m for estate agency

By Michael Tate

Shield Group, the north London property developer backed by Mr Gerald Ronson, is paying up to £7.48 million for Stickley & Kent, the London estate agency with five offices.

Two months ago Mr Ronson demonstrated his faith in the Sield's potential when his Heron Corporation provided it with £10 million of revolving loans, and subscribed £2 million for preference shares and options on ordinary shares.

The Stickley purchase will be satisfied by an issue of shares, of which 1.77 million will be placed by Capel-Cure Myers, raising £5.75 million for the vendors.

Shield shareholders are being offered these shares at 325p each on the basis of five new shares for every three held.

Shield's directors are also selling 1.2 million of their own shares, reducing their combined holdings from 80.9 per cent to 50 per cent of the enlarged capital, and raising a further £2 million for the company through the issue of 777,000 new shares.

The placing price of 325p compares with a stock market price of 367p yesterday and a 72p placing price last July.

Meanwhile, Shield yesterday unveiled pretax profits of £1.06 million for the year to March 31, compared with £631,000 in the previous year. A 2p final dividend makes 3p for the year.



Gerald Ronson

Ferguson Industrial profits up

Pretax profits of Ferguson Industrial Holdings, the printing, packaging and plastics group, rose from £7.5 million to £9.4 million in the year to February 28.

The sale of investments made a £1.4 million contribution, against £244,000 in 1986, while the company reported extraordinary losses below the line of £4.2 million. These were in respect of business closures or disposals and were partially offset by related tax benefits of £2.3 million.

Turnover shrank to £89.95 million from £150.58 million last time. Earnings per share rose from 16.9p to 22.6p.

The company is paying a final dividend of 5.9p, lifting the year's total from 7.9p to 9p.

Ferguson reported that its two recent acquisitions — Empery Corporation, the US group and Berisford, the textile company — have made satisfactory contributions to profits in the first two months of the current year.

£5.6m call by London Securities

London Securities, the revamped property group, almost quadrupled its profits in the year to end-March from £414,000 to £1,603,000 and is raising £5.64 million through a combined rights issue and placing.

The compnay, which was once known as Amalgamated Estates and suffered years of losses, earned £1.01 million from rents over the period, against £975,000. But income from investment and property sales rose £4 million to £8.67 million.

Shareholders, who still have no dividend, are being offered two shares for every seven held at 54p.

The funds raised will pay for the company's purchase in March of a 10.53 per cent holding in EPIC.

Albion in profit fall

Albion, the Belfast clothing manufacturer, yesterday reported a decline in profits before tax – from £243,000 to £194,000 in the half year to end-March.

The company's shares fell 3p to 69p after the announcement. It has made a profit of £63,000 on the sale of its factory in Leeds although the income from this was taken below the line.

Turnover was £3.4 million (£3.2 million) and earnings per share 3.39p (6.16p). It is maintaining the interim dividend at 0.8p.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Scepticism galore over Japan's £25bn boost

The fiscal expansion programme announced yesterday in Japan was greeted with a scepticism so predictable that the Japanese foreign ministry had already asked everyone to believe what it nominally offered: an injection of £25 billion. The previous £15 billion programme relied too much on local authorities and private firms that failed to fulfill government plans.

The numbers are certainly bigger this time. They amount to a 1.8 per cent boost to GNP virtually in a single year. That is equivalent to a £7 billion immediate boost to Britain's public sector borrowing requirement.

The package also includes apparently straightforward elements such as £4 billion in income tax cuts. A similar amount will be spent in a one-off budgetary provision on special government imports, of predominantly US goods, to appease Congressional protectionists. But it remains a traditional Japanese package, concentrating on bringing forward national and local capital spending plans.

Scepticism stems from Japanese forecasters rather than from suspicious foreigners. They point to hardy perennials such as £2 billion for disaster relief, by definition less than firm. So it would be unwise to expect this grand plan to boost Japan's growth by more than about 1 per cent, let alone lead to an untoward boost to imports. Japan's trade surplus does now appear to be slowing down, but chiefly because the high yen is damaging manufactured exports.

Whatever discount is applied, however, Japan is at least doing its bit towards the coordination of policy in front of the Venice summit in 10 days'time. The plan to recycle funds to developing countries, again not as dramatic as it at first appeared, is also helpful.

President Reagan, however, made a rousing speech hours before the package was announced, saying he would veto any Congressional demands to raise the American people's taxes. Unless this wording is misleading, rapid cuts in the US budget deficit would not seem likely.

Over in Europe, the Germans have showed some willingness to soften monetary policy, their previous no-go area. But this is purely linked to worries about the strength of the mark. A further cut in central bank interest rates will probably only occur if the dollar starts falling sharply against the mark again.Clayton Yeutter, the President's trade representative, yesterday reiterated the obvious conclusion that few initiatives should be expected from the summit.

That is acceptable but only on the assumption that the international house is basically weatherproof. The latest OECD forecasts hardly justify complacency. Projections of industrial country growth this year and next were cut from 2.75 to 2.5 per cent, even less after the subsequent dollar fall. That is hardly catastrophic but means the world economy could easily teeter back into recession if one or two things went wrong, especially anything that destabilized currencies further.

The best hope, as the OECD suggested, is that memeber governments will do what they have already pledged.

Punting on the polls

The stock markets were at their most simplistic yesterday. They are banking heavily on a third Thatcher term. Public opinion polls that suggest either a Labour victory or a hung Parliament will send prices down; public opinion polls pointing to a Conservative hat trick, as demonstrated yesterday, will push prices higher. Punting on the polls, until polling day itself, is the name of the market game.

After June 11, the economic issues, which have so far received little attention either in party manifestos, in speeches and at press conferences, will again come to the fore. In particular the issue which Labour and Alliance speakers, to be fair, have raised with some vigour, namely Britain's industrial and trading performance. The stark truth is that our share of world markets for manufactured goods and services has fallen from more than 25 per cent in 1950 to less than a third of that figure.

The decline in manufacturing is the most startling fact of our economic condition. Since 1980, a trade surplus in manufactured goods of £5 billion has disappeared. Arithmetically it has been replaced by North Sea oil revenues but this source of wealth will diminish; leaving services to fill the gap which even on the most optimistic view they cannot do. As half our spending on manufactures already goes on imported goods, we badly need a manufacturing revival.

There are rays of hope. The economy is growing at a faster rate than in most other, comparable industrial countries. Largely as a result of the grim process of shutting down older plants and eliminating jobs, productivity has improved. But as Sir Edwin Nixon, chairman of IBM United Kingdom, properly said in his lecture "Surviving in the 21st Century", optimism should be restrained.

Between 1964 and 1985 the British economy grew by 51 per cent; the US by 89 per cent; the French by 105 per cent; the West German by 113 per cent; and the Japanese by 268 per cent.

"That is the reality we all must come to terms with in Britain. An economic profile which indicates a process of relative decline in performance which began decades, perhaps more than a century, ago. Not a handful of years; and a trading environment in which we must operate in the future, in which national standards of improved performance are just not going to be good enough in the future."

Sir Edwin, like many other practitioners and pundits, has his ideas of how best to meet the challenge; and as you would expect, he is particularly perceptive on the significance of high technology for the performance and indeed the structure of modern manufacturing.

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A taxing problem for Contibel

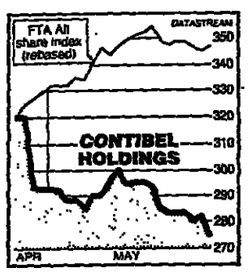
Are shareholders in Contibel being threatened by the biggest shareholders – or are they simply being persuaded of the hopelessness of their situation?

Earlier this week, Tractebel and Groupe Bruxelles Lambert (GBL), who own 29.5 per cent of Contibel between them, posted their formal offer document for the company, which was formed to hold the Belgian interests of Imperial Continental Gas. It makes interesting reading.

Their offer of 278p a share is at a significant 22 per cent discount to the top valuation in the offer document of 358p a share, and at a small premium of 7 per cent to the lower valuation of 259p a share.

The main elements making up the difference between the two valuations are the amounts due from the liquidators of Contibel's former parent, estimated at around 9p a share, and a potential British capital gains tax liability of 89p if the portfolio were to be sold by its British owners.

In seeking to justify an offer at the low end of the range, the bidders point not only to the disadvantageous capital gains tax situation, which only arises on the sale of assets, but also to the



penalties of paying dividends out of overseas income, since the advance corporation tax will be irrecoverable.

The best way of overcoming the tax problem is to diversify into British assets, but the Belgians have stated that this way out is not available to Contibel, because if their offer is not accepted, they will block any attempts to diversify.

In the hands of the Belgians, on the other hand, Contibel's interests are a valuable asset. Its tax position will be greatly improved as the ACT problem will vanish, and the new owners will be well placed to get valuable reliefs against capital gains tax.

More importantly, the bidders will be consolidating their already firm grip on the Belgian utility sector, bringing economies of scale and giving them greater control.

The British shareholders are understandably aggrieved at the strong-arm tactics being used to force them to surrender Contibel at a give-away price.

The Belgians' 29.5 per cent stake will no doubt deter other bidders. But yesterday's share price movement, up 6p to 284p, suggests that they may not have it all their own way.

Japanese markets

One fund management group has described last week's announcement that 17 foreign companies are to be given licences to act as investment managers in the Tokyo market as "crumbs from the rich man's table".

But this was not a complaint that the Japanese were up to their usual tricks of apparently dispensing largesse while in reality giving nothing away at all – because when the rich man is inordinately rich and his table is groaning with the fat of the land, then the crumbs that fall can be more than mere titbits.

The comment was instead a reference to the very substantial pension funds and mutual funds from which foreigners are excluded. These are still the preserve of the trust banks and the stockbrokers respectively although the ministry of welfare in Japan has sent out strong signals that the pension fund monopoly will be broken next year.

The foreign managers, including Fidelity, Jardine Fleming, S G Warburg and GT Management will score in offering investment advice in the smaller US companies and in the European stockmarkets, including the UK.

Some firms, like GT Management, also offer expertise in other Pacific Rim countries.

Most Japanese investment overseas has previously been in bonds, which the Japanese feel happy to manage themselves, and the large capitalization US companies.

They can now afford to become more adventurous. It may take time but the management groups are confident that they will compete successfully for some sizeable crumbs and even, ultimately, get a slice of the cake.

Closing the accounting loopholes

Accounting standards are meant to restrict the freedom of choice available to managers in the preparation and presentation of their accounts.

But it is becoming increasingly apparent that since the introduction of SSAP 23 – Accounting for Acquisitions and Mergers – the range of permissible accounting treatments in a takeover has actually increased.

Companies nowadays have so much flexibility in the way they account for acquisitions and mergers that managers contemplating a takeover have the luxury of being able to choose the method of accounting for the acquisition which will best achieve the result they want.

Choose acquisition accounting and show faster earnings growth, or choose merger accounting and report higher absolute earnings numbers.

For selecting acquisition accounting no longer necessarily carries the penalty of having to create and subsequently write off goodwill, never good for earnings or distributable reserves.

Now, the trend is towards dispensing with the creation of a share premium account, obviating the need to disclose the amount of either the goodwill or share premium. And for good measure, some companies even go so far as to write down the assets acquired, creating a "reorganization reserve" to further flatter future earnings and return on capital.

So it comes as no surprise that the Accounting Standards Committee is viewing with alarm the practical results of the recently introduced takeover standard, SSAP 23, and is undertaking an urgent review of both SSAP 23 and SSAP 22 – Accounting for Goodwill – also relevant in acquisition and merger accounting.

In the meantime, acquiring companies can continue to make hay as the sun is unlikely to stop shining much before 1990.

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Exempt	62.2	64.2	+0.7	2.27
Exempt Trust	572.3	605.6e	+1.0	2.26
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Do Accum	125.0	131.9c	+1.4	1.44
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	27.5	29.0	+0.1	1.24
Do Accum	35.2	37.1	+0.1	1.24
General Inc	218.5	230.5	-0.3	1.71
Do Accum	301.9	318.5	-0.5	1.71
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Do Acc	145.2	153.2	-0.1	1.03
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Do Accum	147.6	155.7c	-0.5	0.85
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Income	165.9	112.7e	+0.4	3.72
Man Portfolio Inc	97.8	104.1	+0.2	2.28
Do Acc	165.7	176.3	+0.3	2.01
North American	59.7	63.5	..	1.34
Orient	301.4	107.9e	+0.2	0.28
Overseas	315.2	333.4e	+1.8	1.86
Recovery	76.3	80.7e	+0.1	1.05
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Income Fund (3)	135.7	142.3e	..	4.22
Do Accum (3)	247.1	259.1e	..	4.22
Ind Inc (2)	150.1	157.1	..	0.90
Do Accum (2)	200.2	209.5	..	0.90
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Growth & Inc Fund	181.9	193.7	+1.6	3.23
High Dist Fund	155.4	165.4e	+0.2	4.08
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Resources Fund	31.8	33.8	-1.0	0.00
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	34.7	36.9	+0.1	..
Tokyo Fund	217.7	231.8	-3.3	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	136.5	140.2	..	1.69
(Ex) Japan (3)	123.5	126.9c	..	0.00
(Ex) Pacific (4)	388.5	399.2	+12.5	0.23
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	205.5	211.2	+15.0	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	97.1	103.0c	+0.7	2.30
Do Accum	99.5	105.6c	+0.7	2.30
UK Growth Accum	121.5	129.5e	+0.7	1.47
UK High Inc Inc	100.7	106.8e	+0.9	3.27
N American Accum	72.6	77.4	+0.4	0.68
Far Eastern Accum	135.7	144.7	-1.3	0.70
European Accum	87.0	92.8	+0.3	1.24
UK Gilt & Fi Inc	58.1	61.6c	+0.4	7.95
Do Accum	61.8	65.6c	+0.5	7.47
Intl Spec Sit Acc	47.8	51.0	+0.2	..
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 88, Western				
Road, Romford RM1 3LS				
0708-60566				
Endurance	133.3	141.9	..	0.93
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Weston Street Aylesbury, HP21 7DW				
0296 431480				
Equitable Pelican	101.6	108.1e	+0.4	2.69
High Income Trust	98.7	105.1e	+0.2	4.32
Gilt & Fixed Int	54.5	58.0	+0.2	9.47
Tst Of Inv Trustes	88.0	93.7	+0.5	1.50
Special Sits Trust	104.8	111.5	+0.4	2.69
Nth Amer Trust	62.6	66.6	+0.3	1.51
Far Eastern Trust	114.9	122.3	-0.4	0.33
Intl Growth	59.1	62.9	-0.2	0.88
EQUITY & LAW				
St George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1				
1QD				
0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	196.2	208.7e	+1.2	2.54
Do Income	166.1	176.7e	+0.9	2.54
Higher Inc Accum	337.5	359.0e	+1.8	3.58
Do Income	282.7	279.4e	+1.4	3.58
Gen/Fixed Accum	108.6	114.3	+0.7	7.90
Do Income	87.5	92.1	+0.6	7.90
Nth Amer Tst Accum	145.7	155.0e	-0.6	0.02
Far East Tst Accum	200.6	213.4e	-2.1	0.60
Euro Tst Accum	151.7	172.0e	+0.8	0.59
General Trust	301.1	320.3	+1.3	2.59
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Poultney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	87.5	71.9	..	0.17
UK Income Fund	91.7	97.6	..	4.30
Far Eastern Fund	84.8	89.5	..	0.00
Overseas Income	72.0	76.7c	..	3.86
Fixed Interest	82.2	86.2c	..	9.56
Natural Res Fund	74.1	78.9c	..	2.17
European Income	79.0	84.1	..	2.86
Financials Fund	54.2	57.7	..	2.80
Intl Tech Fund	128.0	134.1	..	0.14
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
193, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-332 3132				
Amer Gth Inc	23.6	25.1	-0.1	..
Do Acc	23.6	25.1	-0.1	..
Balanced Gth Inc	68.4	73.8	+0.2	0.60
Do Accum	71.0	76.5	+0.2	..
Income Gth Inc	57.9	61.6e	+0.2	5.90
Do Accum	62.0	65.0	+0.2	..
Service Co's Inc	80.3	85.4c	+0.7	1.00
Do Accum	81.8	87.0c	+0.7	..
Higher Inc	31.2	33.2	+0.1	7.00
Do acc	31.5	33.5	..	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Rivar Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
0732 361144				
American	116.5	124.7	+0.9	0.73
Amer Equity Income	33.2	35.4e	+0.2	3.56
Amer Special Sits	55.0	58.6e	+0.7	0.10
Australia	45.8	47.7	+0.2	0.95
European	51.7	55.0	+0.5	..
European Inc	24.0	25.4	..	3.88
Global Conv	25.5	27.0	..	5.00
Far East Inc	41.0	43.4e	+0.5	3.42
Gilt & Fixed Int	51.0	54.3	..	9.20
Growth & Income	127.1	135.9e	-0.6	3.44
Japan Special Sits	57.2	61.1	+1.1	..
Japan	165.4	178.5	+0.9	..
Managed Int	154.8	164.7	+0.5	0.33
Max Income Equity	113.2	120.5e	+0.5	3.81
Professional Gth	45.1	48.5	-0.3	1.71
South East Asia	52.1	55.5	+0.3	0.01
Special Sits	252.4	268.6	-1.3	0.68
FRANLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London				
EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	209.2	221.3	+1.9	..
Do Accum	213.7	226.1	+1.9	..
American Grwth Inc	212.8	225.1	+0.5	1.18
Do Accum	220.8	233.6	+0.5	1.18
Capital Tst Inc	297.0	314.2	+1.1	1.69
Do Accum	382.1	404.2	+1.4	1.69
Conv & Gilt Inc	109.4	115.7	-0.1	4.34
Do Accum	144.8	157.4	-0.1	4.34
European Inc	68.8	70.8e	-0.1	0.86
Do Accum	67.0	70.9e	-0.1	0.86
Extra Inc Tst Inc	234.4	248.0	+0.5	3.57
Do Accum	257.5	272.4	+0.5	3.57
Financial Accum	53.3	56.4	-0.5	1.15
Do Inc	53.1	56.1	-0.5	1.15
Income Trust	165.0	174.6e	+0.3	3.24
Do Accum	178.6	188.9e	+0.3	3.24
Int Growth Fd Inc	174.4	184.5c	-0.6	..
Do Accum	193.2	204.5e	-0.7	..
Japan & Gen Inc	115.3	122.0	-0.2	..
Do Accum	116.5	123.2	-0.2	..
Monthly Income Fd	120.6	127.5e	+0.1	3.43
Prop Ep	60.6	64.1	+0.2	2.66
Recovery	197.7	209.2	-0.5	0.92
Do Accum	215.8	228.3	-0.5	0.92
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	262.4	278.5e	+1.8	2.21
Do Accum	446.5	473.9e	+2.7	2.21
FP Gilt & Fixed Int	118.7	125.9e	+0.3	8.35
Do Accum	144.5	158.7e	+0.3	8.35
Stewardship Dist	230.8	254.5e	-3.4	1.14
Do Accum	250.4	264.8e	-3.4	1.14
FP North American	130.4	138.2	+1.8	1.32
FP Pacific Basin	211.6	224.3	-4.2	0.22
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
5th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 8575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	75.1	79.9	+0.1	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	139.4	148.3	+0.5	2.00
Do Accum	201.8	214.8	+0.7	2.00
Income Fund	166.3	177.0	+0.6	5.10
International	190.1	202.3	-0.1	0.30
US & General	57.4	61.1e	..	0.70
Japan & General	299.2	318.3	-1.7	0.10
Far East & Gen	165.6	177.3	-2.1	0.10
European Fund	260.3	277.0	+3.6	0.10
Germany Fund	64.7	68.9	+0.6	1.00
Intl Inc Fund	57.5	61.3c	+0.1	4.10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP				
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5758 Dealing 01-623				
9936				
American Trust	87.9	93.6c	+2.7	0.70
Australian Trust	35.1	37.3e	-0.7	0.00
British Tst Accum	83.1	88.5	..	1.62
Do Dist	71.5	76.2	..	1.62
Commodity Share	58.9	62.5c	-2.0	0.97
European Trust	54.0	57.5	+0.6	0.50
Extra Income Trust	61.8	65.7e	..	4.40
Far Eastern Trust	155.5	165.5	+1.7	0.80
Fixed Interest Fund	37.3	39.7e	..	10.00
Financial Trust	24.9	26.5	..	0.30
Intl Fixed Int Tst	34.9	36.5	+0.1	9.14
Global Fund Accum	267.9	274.8	-2.1	0.49
Do Dist	191.8	201.1	-1.4	0.49
Gold Share Trust	23.5	25.1	-0.4	0.60
Hedged American	36.5	38.9	..	0.51
High Income Trust	31.3	33.2e	-0.1	4.72
Hong Kong Trust	39.1	41.9	-0.5	0.97
Income Growth	109.3	113.1	+0.3	2.59
Japan Trust	141.2	150.2	+1.1	0.00
Managed Exempt	325.5	339.1	+2.9	1.76
Oil & Energy Trust	43.8	46.8	-0.3	2.50
Pacific Basin Trust	68.4	72.4	+1.2	0.00
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	115.4	122.6	+0.4	0.50
Cheltenham UK	27.5	28.9	+0.2	1.92
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N				
1DA				
01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	102.5	108.1c	-0.4	0.96
American Growth	70.6	75.0	+0.2	2.27
Australian	72.5	77.1	-0.2	0.19
European Growth	228.4	244.0	+0.9	0.24
Gold & Minerals	70.1	75.0	-3.0	0.24
Japan Growth	57.4	61.4	-0.3	..
Pacific Inc	91.1	96.8	-0.1	3.84
Pacific Strategy	56.4	59.9	+0.6	0.41
UK Progressive Inc	77.6	82.5e	+0.4	3.76
UK Special Opps	176.3	187.5	+0.3	0.54
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-588 9393				
Gilt & Fixed Int	123.9	128.8	+1.2	8.82
Growth Equity	275.2	291.3e	+1.4	1.54
Guardhill	359.1	372.1	+1.9	2.16
N American	153.5	164.1e	+1.0	1.51
Pacific	329.1	348.3	-3.2	0.00
Property Share	413.1	437.2	-0.9	0.91
Smaller Companies	304.8	322.5e	+1.2	1.21
European Trust	268.5	284.2e	+1.9	1.94
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P				
3AJ				
01-623 9333				
High Income	73.2	77.9e	+0.6	4.81
N Amer Trust	115.9	123.3	-0.7	0.72
Recovery	272.8	288.2e	-2.2	0.49
Gilt Trust	39.8	41.2e	+0.2	8.77
St Vincent Inc	111.1	114.8	+0.8	4.50
St Vincent US Gth	70.3	73.2	-0.1	0.91
Temple Bar Sm Co's	246.4	259.2	..	2.50
Euro Gth Tst	46.3	49.4	+0.2	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: S. Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood,				
Essex.				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217815				
Hambros Smlr Co's	190.6	202.0	+0.3	1.28
Hambros N Amer	67.3	71.4e	+0.2	0.91
Hambros Jap & FE	154.0	163.4e	+1.6	0.57
Hambros Scandinav	60.8	65.5	+0.2	0.90
Hambros European	102.4	108.6	..	0.66
Hambros Canadian	56.2	59.6	..	1.09
Hambros Equity Inc	112.9	119.8e	+0.5	4.07
Hambros High Inc	85.9	91.1	+0.1	4.41
Hambros Nat Assets	75.6	80.4	-0.2	2.23
Hambros Intl Sits	71.9	76.3	-0.3	0.66
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd,				
Hutton, Brentwood, Essex,				
0277 217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	107.8	115.3e	..	2.12
Amer Smaller Co's	68.0	73.5	+0.2	0.01
Australian	108.6	113.0	-1.9	1.66
Capital Growth Inc	78.1	80.0	+0.1	1.35
Do Accum	87.6	93.8	+0.5	1.35
European	236.1	272.5e	+2.4	0.72
Euro Inc Tst	47.8	50.6	-0.1	4.13
Euro Smaller Co's	104.1	110.9	-0.1	0.17
Extra Income	241.0	258.6c	..	3.14
Financial Trust	208.5	219.7e	+0.9	1.54
Fixed Interest Tst	58.7	58.0c	+0.1	9.10
Gilt Trust	43.7	46.3e	+0.3	8.29
Global Healthcare	96.0	101.5	+0.5	0.00
Global Inc &Gth	66.6	70.8	-0.1	4.22
Global Resources	120.8	128.7	-1.9	0.00
Global Tech	123.1	131.1	-0.1	0.01
Gold	83.5	89.3	+0.8	1.88
High Income Tst	256.6	274.4e	+1.2	3.45
Hong Kong	72.8	77.4	+0.2	1.40
Income & Growth Inc	194.2	206.6e	+0.6	2.48
Do Accum	380.4	415.2e	+1.0	2.48
Income Assets	138.4	148.2	-0.6	3.44
International	201.6	214.7	+0.1	1.69
Japan Special Sits	217.0	231.2	-1.1	0.01
Japan Tst	207.1	220.6	-1.9	0.01
North American	148.6	159.0	+1.8	0.54
Pacific Smaller Co's	85.1	94.9	-0.2	1.71
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Beattie (James) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
2	Aquascutum 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
3	Wholesale Fittng	Electricals	
4	Union	Banks,Discount	
5	Bassett Foods	Foods	
6	Halstead (James)	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Chamberlin & Hill	Industrials A-D	
8	Control Secs	Property	
9	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
10	Cosalin	Building,Roads	
11	Unigate (aa)	Foods	
12	DRG	Paper,Print,Adv	
13	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
14	Aus Oil & Gas	Oil,Gas	
15	RHM (aa)	Foods	
16	HTV N/V	Cinemas,TV	
17	Jones Stroud	Electricals	
18	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
19	Conder Grp	Building,Roads	
20	Scot & New	Breweries	
21	Saga Holidays	Leisure	
22	Midsummer	Leisure	
23	Gerrard Nat	Banks,Discount	
24	Ladies Pride	Drapery,Stores	
25	Britannia Security	Electricals	
26	Ibstock Johnsen	Building,Roads	
27	Windsmoor	Drapery,Stores	
28	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
29	Friendly Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
30	Chrisry Hunt	Industrials A-D	
31	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
32	Taylor Woodrow	Building,Roads	
33	Chrysalis	Leisure	
34	Guinness (aa)	Breweries	
35	Scot TV	Cinemas,TV	
36	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
37	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
38	Carrs Milling	Foods	
39	Waddington	Paper,Print,Adv	
40	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
41	Greycoat	Property	
42	Wellcome (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
43	Coloroll Gp	Industrials A-D	
44	Trusthouse Fr (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	440	445	+13	15.8	3.6	13.1
107½	72½	Bass (aa)	104	105	+2½	24.1	2.4	16.3
77	61	Belhaven	77	80	...	5.1	3.5	16.1
150½	131	Bodington	145	147	+1½	9.5	2.2	22.1
669	540	Brown (Matthew)	660	670	+5	20.0	3.1	21.0
171	153	Buckleys	165	170	...	7.4	2.8	19.9
208	181	Bulmer (H P)	196	198	+2	14.8	2.8	24.6
730	660	Burtonwood Brew	730	735	+5	26.0	2.8	26.4
515	445	Clark (Matthew)	474	476	...	11.6	2.4	16.4
241	208	Devenish (J A)	238	240	+1	9.7	3.2	15.3
2725	2350	Greenall Whitley	2700	2725	+25	75.0	2.7	23.7
381	289	Greene King	380	385	+5	12.0	3.1	22.7
364	284	Guinness (aa)	360	362	+1	25.0	6.9	14.3
683	473	Hardys & Hansons	680	685	+15	21.0	3.1	15.9
98	68	Highland Dist	77	78	+1½	3.1	4.0	25.1
191	138	Invergordon Dist	171	175	...	7.2	4.2	11.3
288	145	Irish Dist	288	295	+10	10.0	3.5	19.0
115	113	Marston Thompson	115	120	...	4.2	3.5	25.1
151	131	Moorhead	151	155	...	...	...	...
345	345	S A Breweries	345	355	...	16.5	4.2	14.8
878	878	Scot & Newc	878	885	...	42.0	4.7	17.9
345	345	Wadi	345	355	...	16.5	4.2	13.9
272	265	Wadworth 'A' (aa)	272	275	...	12.5	4.5	13.9
		Do 'B'	265	270	...	12.5	4.6	13.7
345	345	Westcheap Inv	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
473	274	Wolverhampton & D	473	475	+10	18.0	3.8	13.7
		Young A	274	280	...	11.5	2.7	29.6

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
238	193	Ashby	238	243	...	10.0	4.1	15.0
332	270	Aberdeen Constr	332	335	+2	16.4	4.9	13.2
28	28	Amec	28	29	...	2.1	7.4	8.5
217	217	Anglo Ind	217	220	...	10.0	4.5	9.8
327	327	Arlesford	327	330	...	16.0	4.8	10.2
97	97	Baggeridge Brick	97	100	...	4.0	4.0	12.5
31	31	Bayley (Benj Constr	31	32	...	1.5	4.7	10.3
158	158	Beazer Devs	158	160	...	7.0	4.4	10.1
134	134	Bellway	134	136	...	6.0	4.4	10.3
134	134	Brassey Grp	134	136	...	6.0	4.4	10.3
107	107	Bren Bros	107	110	...	5.0	4.5	10.3
965	965	Brickhouse	965	975	...	45.0	4.6	10.3
916	916	Blue Circle	916	920	...	41.0	4.5	10.3
213	213	Bredero&Closed Hell	213	215	...	9.5	4.4	10.3
86	86	Br Dredging	86	90	...	4.0	4.4	10.3
14½	14½	Brown & Jackson	14½	15	...	0.6	4.1	10.3
11	11	Burnett & Hallam	11	12	...	0.5	4.5	10.3
148	148	CRH	148	150	...	6.6	4.4	10.3
88	88	Calderburg Rotary	88	90	...	4.0	4.4	10.3
150	150	Church Charles	150	155	...	6.9	4.4	10.3
680	680	Conder Grp	680	690	...	30.0	4.4	10.3
150	150	Costain	150	155	...	6.9	4.4	10.3
630	630	Countrywide	630	640	+10	28.0	4.4	10.3
1000	1000	Douglas (RM)	1000	1010	...	44.0	4.4	10.3
74	74	Ecrin	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
148	148	Feb	148	150	...	6.6	4.4	10.3
		Do 'A'	148	150	...	6.6	4.4	10.3
74	74	Federated Hsg	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
152	152	Fenlan Co	152	155	...	6.7	4.3	10.3
98	98	Gallford	98	100	...	4.4	4.4	10.3
118	118	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	118	120	...	5.2	4.3	10.3
365	365	Gleeson (MJ)	365	370	...	16.1	4.3	10.3
162	162	Hamilton Ind	162	165	...	7.1	4.3	10.3
172	172	Henderson	172	175	...	7.6	4.3	10.3
74	74	Hindon-Stuart	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
238	238	Hornsea Williams	238	240	...	10.5	4.4	10.3
478	478	Hoggs & Hill	478	480	...	21.0	4.4	10.3
238	238	Howard Shut	238	240	...	10.5	4.4	10.3
238	238	Hostock Johnson	238	240	...	10.5	4.4	10.3
156	156	Jarvis (J) & Sons	156	160	...	6.9	4.3	10.3
74	74	Lang (J)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
		Do A	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
316	316	Lawrence (Walter)	316	320	...	14.0	4.4	10.3
74	74	Lilley (FJG)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
240	240	Lovell (T)	240	245	...	10.6	4.3	10.3
74	74	Magnet & Sauls	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
238	238	Manders	238	240	...	10.5	4.4	10.3
74	74	Marley	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Marshalls (Halifax)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	McAlpine (Alfred)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	McCarthy & S	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Mitchell (John)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Newarthill	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Newman Tonks	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Nottingham Brick	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Parkinson	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Persons Timber	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Pochin	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	RMC Gp (aa)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Rama Ind	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Redland (aa)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Rosebrd	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Rugby Cement	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Shanks & Peters	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Sheffield Lime	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Smith (Edgar)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Tarmac (aa)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Tilbury Group	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Tilcon	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Tilling & Arnold	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Tilling (Stanley)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Tilmanstone	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Tolhurst	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Travis & Arnold	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Tunnel Cem	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Turriff Corp	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Ward Group	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Wates	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Whatman Reeve	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Wheway	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Whessoe	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3
74	74	Wimpey (George)	74	76	...	3.3	4.4	10.3

FINANCE AND LAND

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
76½	58½	Abacus	76½	77½	...	6.3	8.4	6.4
333	237	Abingworth	333	337	...	17.0	5.0	7.0
133	131	Acton Hume	133	135	...	...	...	...
153	153	Amalgamated	153	155	...	8.5	5.4	8.5
114	114	Anthony Inv	114	116	...	...	...	...
386	193	Berkeley Everett	386	390	+10	19.0	4.8	9.4
73	73	Br Common (aa)	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Cannons	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Candover	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Charterhouse	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Close Bros	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Equity & Law	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Ivory & Sime	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Lazards	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Mal Home Loans	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Do 8pc	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Rensburg	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Rothschild	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Schroder	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Singer & Friedlander	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Smith St Aubyn	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Tarmac	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Tyndall Group	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Wagon Inds	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Warburg (S G)	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Wintrust	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4
		Yeoman Int	73	74	...	3.6	4.8	9.4

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FOODS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
178	178	AB Food (aa)	178	180	...	7.0	3.9	15.1
111	111	Associated Foods	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
211	211	Atkins (Denby)	211	215	...	8.0	3.7	15.1
111	111	Berisford	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Booker	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Bovril (S & W)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Brake Bros	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Brent Chem	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Brit Sugar	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Cadbury Schwp (aa)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Campbell Foods	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Cavenham Foods	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Chivers Larkfield	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Cow & Gate	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Crosse & Blackwell	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Dalgety	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Dewhurst (S & W)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Dobbies Fin 5½%	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Fedn Lamps N/V	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Fisons	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Do A' Ltd Voting	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Fitzroy (Jas)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Do Conv 4pc 25	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Frassac	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Glaces Agassonique	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Hall & Ellett (aa)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Hillsdown	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Hovis (GW)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Ipswich Gp	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Lyons (J)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Nichols (Vimto)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Northern Foods	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Pauls & Whites	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Ranks Hovis	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Reckitt & Colman	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Rowntree Mackintosh	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Scottish Agric	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Tate & Lyle	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Unigate (aa)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Unilever (aa)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Utd Biscuits (aa)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Vestey	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Weetabix	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Whitbread (aa)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wilkin & Sons	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wilson (Harry)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wood (SW)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Woodhouse & Rx	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wyndham Eng	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Young (W)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
36	36	AKZO N/V Beaver	36	37	...	1.4	3.8	27.0
221	221	Allied Colloids	221	225	...	8.0	3.6	24.1
111	111	Amersham	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Anchor Chemical	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	BTP	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Bayer (DM50)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Br Bengal	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Cabot (W)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Ciba Geigy	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Do 'A' Bea	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Coalite	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Crodo Int	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Do 'A' Non-Voting	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Croda Int	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Dow Chemical	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Du Pont (E I)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Elementis	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Fisons	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Full Sutcliffe	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Glaxo	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Hickson & Welch	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	ICI	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Imperial Chem Ind	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Jacobs Inds	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Laporte	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Lonza (aa)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Lucas Ind	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Marchon Inds	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Micro Focus	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Monsanto	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Mtal	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Nobles	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Robinsons Elect	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Murray Elect	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Newmark (Louis)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	NEI	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Oceonics	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Oxford Instruments	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	P-E International	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Parkson	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Peters Fin 5½%	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Prelec Lamps N/V	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Psion	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Do A' Ltd Voting	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Quantel	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Do Conv 8pc	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Rediffusion	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Renishaw	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Rotaflex	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Sage Group	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Scicon	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Sinclair Research	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Smiths Inds	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Spectrum Dig (aa)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Spirent	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Systems Designers	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	TDK	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Telephone Rentals	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Tenmatic	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	THORN EMI (aa)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Tracscan	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Ultech	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Unit Electronics	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Vinten	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wace Group	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wadkin	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Watmough & Co	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wayne Kerr	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wellcome (aa)	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wilkins	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wilmot	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Wolfson Micro	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1
111	111	Yorkshire Chem	111	112	...	4.0	3.6	15.1

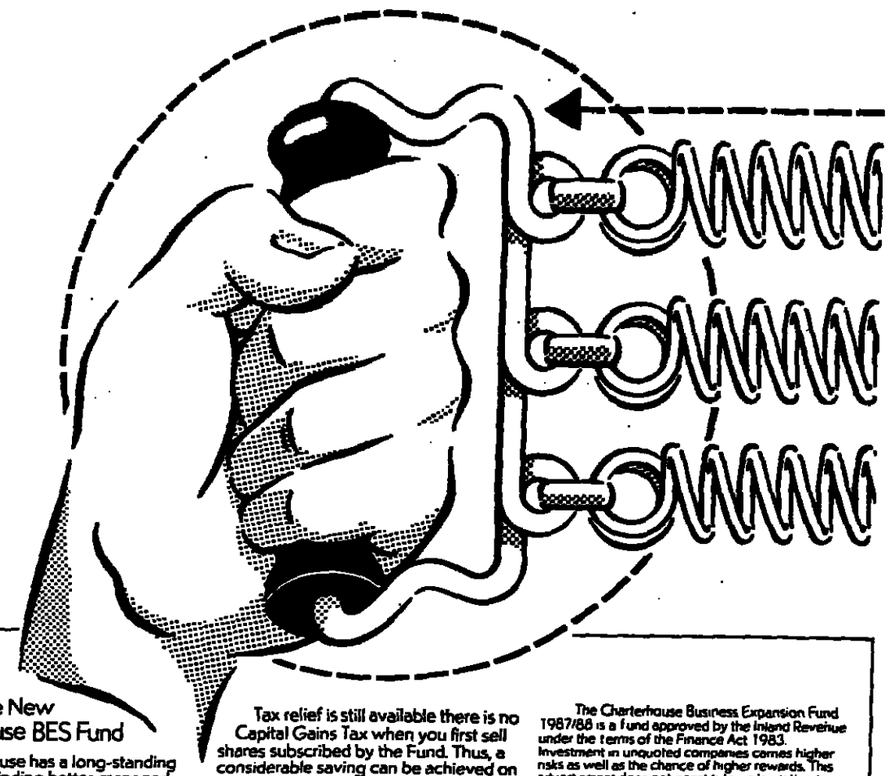
CINEMAS AND TV

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
154	154	Anglia TV 'A'	154	156	...	3.5	2.3	11.8
233	233	Central TV	233	235	...	5.3	2.3	14.4
41	41	Cinema	41	42	...	0.9	2.2	14.4
214	214	Do 'A'	214	216	...	4.8	2.2	14.4
36	36	Grampian TV	36	37	...	0.8	2.2	14.4
114	114	HTV N/V	114	116	...	2.6	2.2	14.4
114	114	Do A	114	116	...	2.6	2.2	14.4
114	114	LWT Hldgs	114	116	...	2.6	2.2	14.4
114	114	Scot TV	114	116	...	2.6	2.2	14.4
114	114	Thames TV	114	116	...	2.6	2.2	14.4
114	114	Tyne Tees TV	114	116	...	2.6	2.2	14.4
114	114	Ulster TV	114	116	...	2.6	2.2	14.4
114	114	Yorkshire TV	114	116	...	2.6	2.2	14.4

DRAPERY AND STORES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
136	111	Aaron	136	140	...	5.7	4.1	17.1
345	345	Amour Day	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Associated Dairies 'A'	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Bairstow Eves	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Bentalls	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Body Shop	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Brown (N)	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Burton Group	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Cantors	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Combined English	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Courts (Furn) 'A'	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	DAKS Simpson 'A'	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Dawson Int	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Dewhirst (A)	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Dixons Grp (aa)	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Do A'	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Edinb Woollen (aa)	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Empire Stores	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Fine Art Dev	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Frost (Barrie)	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Formaster	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Freemans	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Gent Sir	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Gosberg (A)	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Grattan Warehouse Gp	345	355	...	16.5	4.7	13.9
345	345	Do 'A' (aa)	345

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" " "	6.25	4.71	3.42	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
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Citibank Money Market Plus‡	6.00	4.52	3.29	2,000 min	—	01-581 1422
HFC Trust & Savings	7.50	5.65	4.11	5,000 min	—	01-236 6391
Henderson Money Mkt Cheq A/c	6.09	4.59	3.34	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Interest Deposit	6.38	4.81	3.50	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds HICA‡	5.50	4.14	3.01	1,000 min	—	01-626 1500
M&G HICA	6.02	4.54	3.30	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	6.00	4.52	3.29	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	6.20	4.67	3.40	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West High Int Special Res	6.13	4.62	3.36	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	6.25	4.71	3.42	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt A/c	5.93	4.47	3.25	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	6.02	4.54	3.30	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	6.30	4.75	3.45	2,500 min	—	01-628 9771
Provincial Trust Cheque A/c	7.15	5.74	3.92	1,000 min	—	061-9289011
Royl Bank Of Scotland Prem A/c	5.92	4.46	3.24	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Classic	5.90	4.45	3.23	500 min	—	0706 66966
Schroder Wagg	6.02	4.54	3.30	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
" "	6.21	4.68	3.41	10,000 min	—	0705 827733
Tullet & Riley Call	6.37	4.80	3.49	1,000 min	—	01-236 0952
Tullet & Riley 7-day	6.34	4.78	3.47	2,500 min	7 day	01-236 0952
Tyndall Call	6.21	4.68	3.41	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	6.13	4.62	3.36	2,500 min	7 day	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	5.73	4.32	3.14	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	6.25	4.71	3.42	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Investment A/c*	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	7.67	5.78	4.20	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	7.67	5.78	4.20	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
Indexed Income Bond*[3]	5.84	4.40	3.20	5,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200 a mth	14 day	0913864900
33rd Issue Cert†[4]	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 days	0913864900
General Extension Rate†	7.02	7.02	7.02			
Retail Prices Index: April	101.8	101.8	101.8			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
FPS (Management) Ltd	7.50	6.15	5.03	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	7.50	6.19	5.09	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	7.50	6.23	5.15	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	7.50	6.26	5.20	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 30488
Financial Assurance[5]	7.75	6.00	5.00	2,000 min	5 yrs	01-367 6000
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS[6]						
Northampton	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	1 yr	01-407 2767
Kirklees	6.75	5.09	3.70	500 min	2 yrs	01-407 2767
Manchester	7.00	5.27	3.84	500 min	3 yrs	01-407 2767
Swansea	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	4 yrs	01-407 2767
Swansea	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	5 yrs	01-407 2767
Northampton	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	6 yrs	01-407 2767
Northampton	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	7 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.50	4.90	3.56	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.50	4.90	3.56	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.50	4.90	3.56	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-407 2767
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS						
Sterling	8.40	8.40	8.40	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.94	5.94	5.94	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	2.95	2.95	2.95	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.76	2.76	2.76	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	7.00	7.00	7.00	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	1.87	1.87	1.87	—	7 day	0481 26741

Interest Taxable, paid gross †Tax free ‡Higher returns for larger balances [1] Other banks may differ [2] Extra interest accounts usually pay 1-2 per cent above ordinary accounts [3] Increased at end of year in line with rate of inflation [4] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured Certificates [5] Returns for higher rate taxpayers may differ [6] Liable to variation Research: Deborah Benn

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (Apr '86 to Apr '87)
+4.2

Mortgage rate
11.25%

Bank base rate
9%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
12%-17% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.6% APR

Credit card rate*
23.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
3%

Building society ordinary account
5%

High-interest cheque account*
6.0%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	202
French franc	9.70
Greek drachma	214
Italian lira	2100

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	9.00%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.00%

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
01-837 9494
Life Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	11.08	11.67	+0.01	
Bear	12.09	13.46	+0.03	
Owl	15.91	16.85	-0.04	
Bull	14.37	15.13	+0.10	
Stag	14.35	14.95	+0.15	
Gilt Edged		12.02	+0.03	
Deposit		10.22	+0.02	
Pensions				
Squirrel	12.11	12.75	+0.01	
Bear	14.85	15.64	-0.04	
Owl	19.25	20.26	+0.06	
Bull	16.98	17.86	+0.17	
Stag	16.83	17.72	+0.34	
Gilt Edged		12.46	-0.02	
Deposit		10.69	+0.03	
Exempt App Mixed	180.2	183.9	+0.71	

ABBEY LIFE
30, Portsmouth Rd, Bournemouth BH6 5AL
0202 292373

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Property Fund Inc	210.8	221.9	+1.5	
Do Accum	234.1	239.5	+2.2	
Equity Fund Income	135.6	143.0	-1.4	
Do Accum	147.4	155.2	-1.5	
Selection Fund	280.0	297.9	-1.4	
Money Fund	228.1	240.2	+0.2	
Prop Fd Ser 4	230.4	242.8	+1.2	
Equity Ser 4	143.4	151.9	-1.2	
Man Ser 4	295.3	418.2	+0.1	
Conv Ser 4	204.7	215.5	+0.2	
Money Ser 4	204.6	215.4	+0.2	
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	191.9	202.1	-1.8	
American Ser 4	270.7	285.0	+3.7	
High Inc Ser 4	363.2	382.4	-3.6	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	117.2	123.5	-1.1	
Japan Ser 4	268.4	282.6	+4.6	

ALBANY LIFE
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
0707 42311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Fd Acc	267.0	344.2	-4.8	
European Fd Accum	211.5	222.6	+4.6	
Fixed Int Acc	334.3	341.3	-0.4	
Gld Money Fd Acc	209.4	220.3	+0.3	
Intl Man Fd Acc	357.9	376.6	+0.7	
Int Fed Inc Fd Acc	198.5	208.9	+1.4	
Japan Fund	306.5	322.6	+4.2	
Nth American Fd Acc	174.4	183.6	+3.6	
Prop Fd Acc	218.6	230.0	+0.3	
Multiple Inv Acc	603.6	635.5	+0.8	

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL
0793-43231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Fixed Int Dep Accum	231.2	243.4	+0.2	
Equity Accum	774.6	815.6	+0.6	
Property Accum	328.5	345.3	+0.4	
Far East Accum	198.7	209.8	+7.5	
Managed Capital	353.4	372.0	+0.2	
Do Accum	588.9	619.9		
Overseas Accum	308.4	335.2	-0.2	
Gilt Edged Accum	291.4	306.8	-0.6	
Amer Equity Accum	379.1	399.1	+10.3	
Amer Man Accum	178.3	187.7	+4.6	
Amer Prop Accum	123.0	129.5	+3.6	

BALTIC ASSURANCE
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD
01-493 9888

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed Growth	319.7	336.5		
Managed Income	151.0	158.9		
International	229.7	240.7		
High Income	211.8	223.0		
Income & Growth	287.5	302.6		
Basic Resource	121.4	127.8		
American	195.4	205.7		
Far Eastern	444.2	467.5		
Smaller Co's	259.7	273.4		

BARCLAYS LIFE
252, Romford Rd, London E7 8JB
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Accum	556.6	586.9	-1.3	
Do Initial	472.7	498.5	-1.1	
Gilt Edged Accum	228.8	240.9	-1.0	
Do Initial	186.9	209.4	-1.0	
International Accum	298.2	311.6	+7.7	
Do Initial	253.8	269.3	+6.7	
Managed Accum	359.1	374.9	+1.5	
Do Initial	308.1	324.4	+1.3	
Money Accum	181.1	190.7		
Do Initial	151.7	158.7		
Property Accum	211.1	222.3		
Do Initial	180.7	190.3		
America Accum	185.9	195.8	+11.4	
Do Initial	163.4	172.0	+10.1	
Australia Accum	207.6	218.8	+11.1	
Do Initial	182.8	192.5	+9.8	
Financial Accum	247.5	260.7	-1.5	
Do Initial	217.8	229.3	-1.3	
500 Accum	291.1	306.5	-0.7	
Do Initial	232.2	265.5	-0.6	
Japan 65gn Acc 2	410.5	432.6	-1.2	
Do Initial 2	363.7	382.4	-1.1	
Income Accum	312.4	329.0	-1.1	
Do Initial	275.5	287.7	-1.0	
Leisure Accum	190.5	200.6	+1.3	
Special Sits Accum	165.1	173.8	+0.1	
Unit Tech Accum	117.5	123.7	+4.2	
Do Initial	105.7	111.3	+3.8	

BLACK HORSE LIFE
2nds, Upper St, Chatham
0634 405191

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
The Managed Fund	458.05		+2.69	
Income Fund	443.4	466.7	+2.65	
Extra Income Fund	415.4	437.9	+5.78	
Worldwide Growth Fd	357.0	375.8	-14.65	
Statehood Fund	400.4	421.4	-5.26	
Smlr Co's & Re Fd	343.6	372.5	+7.16	
Id Technology Fund	364.0	377.1	-17.16	
N Amer & Gen Fund	223.7	235.5	-5.85	
Energy Inv Fund	136.6	143.7	-4.80	
Pacific Basin Fund	324.9	342.0	-5.27	
German Growth Fd	109.2	126.0	-3.49	
Japan Growth Fd	176.5	184.8	-1.50	
Fixed Int Growth	136.9	144.1	+0.78	
Fixed Int Euro Grth	110.6	165.2	-2.66	
Fixed Int Fund	158.0	167.9	+0.21	
Fixed Interest Fund	158.0	167.9	+0.21	
Cash Fund	173.2	182.3	+0.58	
Managed Inv Fund	298.5	312.1	+1.83	

CANADA LIFE
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts
P Bar 51122

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Growth	175.5			
Managed	206.2	217.1	+2.4	
Property	139.5	146.1	+0.1	
Gilt & Fixed Int	147.7	155.5	-0.2	
Index-Linked	119.6	125.9	-1.0	
Equity	228.0	240.0	-1.5	
Cash	141.9	149.4	+0.2	
Midland Bk UT	222.7	234.5	+1.9	
Midland Bk Int	243.8	256.7	+4.7	

CANNON ASSURANCE
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Units	£86.95		-0.97	
Property Units	£22.84			
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£33.36	41.85	+0.06	
2nd Equity Accum	407.3	431.0	-4.2	
2nd High Inc/Accum	348.5	368.8	-2.9	
2nd Property Accum	317.8	336.5		
2nd Managed 2 Acc	102.1	108.1	-0.9	
2nd Managed Acc	260.5	266.8	+2.7	
2nd Managed 4 Acc	111.9	117.5	+0.9	
2nd Deposits Accum	180.5	191.0	+0.4	
2nd Gilt Accum	195.3	206.7	+2.5	
2nd Amer Accum	255.0	269.8	+10.9	
2nd Intl Money Ac	198.6	211.2	+3.3	
2nd Index Accum	116.0	122.8	+2.5	
2nd Far East Accum	346.1	250.4	+14.8	
2nd Global Accum	105.3	111.4	+4.8	
2nd Euro Accum	105.8	112.0	+2.5	
2nd Japan Accum	132.5	140.2	+6.1	
2nd Heritage Acc	96.8	104.8		

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd,
Cnd Milton Keynes MK9 2LA
0908-606101

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Property Fund	134.8	131.4		
Money Fund	234.1	246.5	+0.2	
Managed Fund	459.0	515.5	+4.8	
Equity Fund	238.3	357.2	+0.1	
Fixed Interest Fund	162.1	170.7	-2.1	
Far East Fund	283.1	277.0	+7.2	
Nth American Fund	190.2	200.3	+4.4	
Nat Resources Fund	190.0	200.0		
SUN Reg Fund	159.1	167.5		
PBR Fund	134.1	141.2		

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 290568
Assurance Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Mixed	163.4	172.0	+0.7	
Equity	207.3	218.5	-0.7	
Property	116.9	123.1	+0.1	
Gilt & Fixed Int	124.2	130.7	+0.1	
Indexed Secs	101.9	107.3	-0.8	
Cash	111.1	117.0		
Nth American	118.3	124.6	+4.5	
Far East	155.8	164.1	-1.1	
International	138.9	146.3	+2.3	
Special Sits	168.2	198.2	+0.6	
Int Income	170.6	179.6	+0.1	
European	169.2	167.6	+0.8	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	167.3	176.2	+1.3	
Equity	194.3	204.6	-1.0	
Property	129.5	136.3	+0.1	
Gilt & Fixed Int	136.5	143.7	+0.1	
Index Linked	107.7	113.4	-0.8	
Cash	122.9	129.3	+0.1	
Nth American	185.7	195.4	-1.4	
Far East Acc	189.3	199.2	-1.4	
International Acc	159.0	164.9	+4.1	
Special Sits	228.9	241.1	+0.3	
European Flex	186.8	196.6	+1.4	
Cash	111.1	117.0		
Nth American	118.3	124.6	+4.5	
Far East	155.8	164.1	-1.1	
International	138.9	146.3	+2.3	
Special Sits	189.2	198.2	+0.6	
Int Income	170.6	179.6	+0.1	
American Inc	117.3	123.5	+0.1	
European	158.2	167.6	+0.8	

COLONIAL MUTUAL
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD
01-248 9899

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cap Lifeflex	178.48			
Cap LifePacemaker	227.61			
Cap Life-Cash	130.0	136.8		
Cap Life-Equity	305.5	321.6		
Cap Life-Fixed Int	202.1	212.7		
Cap Life-Managed	245.0	257.8		
Cap Life-Property	274.4	288.9		
CMIL(Pen)-Cash Cap	127.3	134.0		
CMIL(Pen)-Cash Inv	145.1	152.8		
CMIL(Pen)-Equity Cap	290.3	321.4		
CMIL(Pen)-Equity Inv	663.5	698.5		
CMIL(Pen)-Fixed Cap	221.0	232.6		
CMIL(Pen)-Fixed Inv	248.4	261.5		
CMIL(Pen)-Indx Cap	131.2	138.2		
CMIL(Pen)-Indx Inv	150.3	158.2		
CMIL(Pen)-Man Cap	350.4	368.8		
CMIL(Pen)-Man Inv	393.8	414.5		

COMMERCIAL UNION
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3
01-283 7500

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Var Ann Accum (5)	392.05			
Var Acc (5)	67.46			
Prime- Managed	277.4	292.0	-7.2	
Prime- UK Equity	322.5	339.5	+2.1	
Prime- Property	221.1	233.6	+1.1	
Prime- Property	137.9	134.7		
Prime- Fixed Interest	158.1	164.4	-0.8	
Prime- Index-Linked	104.1	109.6	+0.3	
Prime- Cash	126.9	133.6	+0.2	

CONFEDERATION LIFE
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE
01-242 0282

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed Fund	689.9	723.0		
Equity Fund	994.4	1046.7		
PIP Fund		127.916		

CROWN FINANCIAL
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Life Managed Acc	376.6	396.6	-0.5	
Life Fixed Int Accum	248.3	261.3	-1.4	
Life Equity Accum	465.4	490.0	-2.3	
Life Money Accum	184.6	194.2	+0.1	
Life Inv Trust Accum	480.5	505.7	+2.4	
Life Int Accum	388.5	408.7	+4.7	
Life High Int Accum	452.1	479.0	+2.5	
Life Property Accum	185.0	195.5	+0.1	
Crown Brit Inv A	306.0			
Crown Equity	599.1	636.6		
DBS Managed	218.2	227.8		
Growth Accum	243.0	253.7		

CRUSADER INSURANCE
Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 43424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Measured pert	109.8	116.0	+1.4	
Performance Plan	107.5	113.6	+0.9	
With Profit Pert	105.0	105.8	+0.9	
UK Opportunity	127.7	135.1	+0.5	
Euro Opportunity	105.7	111.8	+0.8	
North Amer Opp	109.0	115.2	+1.0	
Far East Opp	111.6	118.1	+2.3	
Gth Prop Series 1	139.7	147.0		
Gth Prop Series 2	100.3	106.1	+0.1	
Fixed Int	104.2	110.2	-0.1	
Cash	99.4	105.2	+0.1	
Managed Pens	369.6	370.4		

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Secure Fund	106.5	112.2	+0.1	
Blue Chip Fund	183.0	191.1	+1.0	
Adventurous Fund	173.4	182.5	+1.0	
Performance Fund	173.5	184.8	+0.5	
Eagle/Midland Units	207.1	214.6	-1.7	3.57

EQUITY & LAW
Amersham Road, High Wycombe
0494 32776

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equities Fund	541.9	570.4	-0.3	
Higher Income Fund	525.7	552.7	-2.1	
Property Fund	284.1	299.0	+1.5	
Fixed Interest Fund	253.2	266.5	+0.6	
Index-Linked Sec Fd	99.0	114.7	-0.7	
Gld Deposit Fund	162.3	187.8	+0.1	
Nth America Fund	252.2	265.4	+10.4	
Far East Fund	332.7	340.7	+8.6	
Europe Fund	219.8	231.4	+3.6	
International Fund	313.5	329.9	+4.6	
Mixed Fund	388.3	408.7	+5.6	

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
0722 336242

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed (Mixed)	181.9	191.5	+0.5	
UK Equity	228.1	239.0	-1.5	
Stewardship	217.7	229.2	-1.4	
Overseas Equity	180.5	190.1	+0.1	
North American	96.2	101.3	+0.5	
Pacific Basin	111.6	117.5	-1.2	
European	98.8	104.1	+2.7	
Property	142.8	150.4	+0.1	
Fixed Interest	139.6	147.0	-0.4	
Index Linked	108.2	111.8	-1.7	
Cash	122.4	128.9	+0.1	

GT MANAGEMENT
16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ
01-628 8131

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
GT Plan Bond Fund	189.5	199.5	+2.2	
GT Plan High Yield	245.0	257.9	-0.6	
GT Plan Far East	273.1	287.5	+7.9	
GT Plan North Amer	144.2	151.9	+1.0	
GT Plan UK & Gt	333.2	350.8	-1.8	
GT Plan Worldwide	303.4	319.4	+2.8	

GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE
20/24 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5BS
01-686 0411

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed	130.5	137.4	+0.7	
UK Equity	177.8	187.2	+0.8	
Gilts Int	124.3	130.9	+0.6	
Index-Linked	101.6	106.9	-0.4	
Cash Deposit	109.6	115.4	+0.1	
Property	113.5	119.7	+0.3	
Environmental	114.7	120.2	+0.6	
Americas	91.6	96.6	+1.3	
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Late settlers

With 10 days to go to the deadline for paying the second British Gas shares instalment, more than half the 3.1 million investors have still not paid. Late payers risk losing entitlement to shares, dividends and vouchers. Shareholders should send payment (45p a share) to the bank shown on the back of their payment notice. Anyone who has not received a notice should ring the British Gas Enquiry Line, 0272 294188, immediately.

Cards inquiry

The Monopolies Commission is investigating the supply of credit card services, such as Access and Barclaycard, to determine whether a possible monopoly operates against the public interest. The investigation will also cover institutions, such as building societies, which may decide to enter this market.

Aetna again

Aetna Unit Trusts Ltd has been relaunched. Investors are offered an insurance bond or unit trust portfolio through the Personal Investment Bond (minimum investment £1,000) and the Managed Investment Portfolio (minimum £2,500). Both offer a selection of five different approaches categorized by risk.

A lesson in fees

With 7 per cent of children now attending fee-paying schools, a growing number of insurance companies and brokers are entering the school fees planning market. AMANDA PARDOE reports



Schooldays can be great, but early planning is advised

The idea behind a school fees plan is to invest enough money to meet, at least in part, estimated future fees. Some plans are funded from income and others from a single lump sum. So obviously, the sooner the plan starts, the better.

In return for an annual subscription of £10 (£12 for non-UK residents), ISIS, the Independent School Fees Information Service provides individuals with details of schools and guidance on the ways of financing the fees.

ISIS has more than 27,000 members, mainly parents, and it provides information on 1,370 different schools which represent 80 per cent of the pupils in private education.

Its literature is being updated at the moment, and when it becomes available in July, members will have more detailed information on the schools than previously, such as the subjects offered, the local amenities and any particular facilities offered, such as a swimming pool or a theatre.

In respect of school fees planning, ISIS provides a list of specialists. This year 10 are given: Bain Clarkson Financial Services, Equitable Life Assurance Society, Fraser Marr, Hill Samuel Investment Services, Holmwoods, Invest For School Fees, Royal Life, Save & Prosper Group, School Fees Insurance Agency and Whitehead & Partners.

ISIS will suggest any of these to members who inquire but points out that not all the organizations listed provide a comprehensive range of plans. Most of them pay to advertise in ISIS literature.

ISIS is not responsible for making the selection. This is done by a committee made up of representatives who sponsor ISIS, such as the Head Masters' Conference and the Girls' School Association.

The committee last met in April to reconsider which companies should be included in the list, as the previous list did not take into account changes in the school fees planning market. ISIS asked all businesses that wished to be considered to produce a report including details of their policies and staffing levels.

Previously there had been little change from year to year — 1987 is different. There are three newcomers on the list: Fraser Marr, Invest for School Fees and Whitehead & Partners. All three have been set up by ex-employees of C. Howard & Partners.

Invest for School Fees has now been running for four years, and this week an 80 per cent shareholding in it was bought by Willis Faber, one of the world's largest insurance and reinsurance brokers.

The other two newcomers were both formed during 1987. Apart from the employees who left Howard to form these new businesses, the chairman, Gilbert McNeil-Moss, and the company secretary resigned last year.

As a result of this exodus, none of the sales team now at Howard has been there longer than 18 months. In view of this, ISIS considers the firm no longer has sufficient experience of school fees planning, and therefore removed it from its list at the beginning of May.

Apart from Howard, ISIS has also taken Allied Dunbar off the list, because "there was some disquiet about the selling methods used", says Claire Austin, of ISIS.

Both must now remove the ISIS logo from their literature. Not surprisingly, neither is very happy with the decision.

Sue Douthwaite, Allied Dunbar's School fees consultant, says the company intends to clear up the matter and hopes to be reinstated before long. "There is no way that we can let this ride," she said. "We are looking into it and want to sort out the problem."

Similarly, Howard is intending to continue discussing the issue with ISIS.

Miss Austin says the decision is certainly not irreversible, and that when the committee is satisfied that there is no longer any need to have reservations, it will be prepared to reconsider the applications.

The committee is scheduled to meet again in the autumn, and although it is possible that applications will be reconsidered then, Miss Austin thinks it is more likely to be included in the agenda of the meeting tabled for spring 1988. She also believes the committee will review the list annually from now on.

ISIS is not alone in providing information on schools. Earlier this month Canada Life launched a new database service covering most private schools in the UK. The service is offered free of charge and forms part of the company's Financial Planning for Children Service. This covers not only school fee planning and university funding, but also house purchase savings for the first-time buyer, covenants and trusts, wedding day funding, inheritance tax, permanent health insurance and straightforward life assurance.

Obviously, Canada Life hopes individuals who express an interest in the schools database will also take out one of its school fees plans. There is, however, no obligation to do so.

Further details are available from Canada Life, Canada Life House, High Street, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 5BA (0707 51122).

How parents find help

CONAL GREGORY examines the assisted places scheme as a means of helping with independent school fees

As school places are now being offered for the autumn term, an increasing number of parents are making plans for an independent education for their children. Since the assisted places scheme was established in 1981, those who cannot afford the full tuition fees are still able to obtain independent education for academically able youngsters who will benefit from this form of schooling.

The funding of assisted places has risen from just over £3 million in 1981-82 to more than £29.5 million in 1985-86, helping about 20,000 children. Fees for a day pupil in a junior school are now about £2,350 a year, and for boarding about £4,100. Day fees for a senior pupil are £2,900, while boarding costs £5,000. So financial help and early planning are essential.

The government scheme is open to boys and girls with the normal age of entry, generally 11 or 13 years. Some places are awarded for those going straight in at sixth-form level.

The previous type of school has no bearing on the funding, but pupils must have been resident in the UK, Isle of Man or Channel Islands for the two years preceding January 1 of the year in which they take up their assisted place. There is exemption for those educated abroad on account of parents' work.

The Headmasters' Conference was initially sceptical of the scheme. Having seen it in practice, many, such as Bruce McGowan, head of Haberdashers' Aske's Boys', have called for it to be extended, for the limits on family income to be raised, and effectively the reliance of private schools on public funding to be increased.

Financial assistance with the fees is on a sliding scale linked to family income, and there may also be some help with uniform, travel and school meals.

The parental contribution will depend on the family's "relevant income", which is usually gross earnings from all sources plus the unearned income of the dependent children, less an allowance of £950 for every child other than the assisted place holder and for every other dependent relative of the parents.

The calculation ignores mobility allowance, child benefit, family income supplement, certain other social security benefits and the value of any student award of scholarship.

The figures are calculated on the tax year before the school year — that is, relevant income for the academic year 1987-88 will be based on income in the 1986-87 tax year — and parents must show documentary evidence, such as Form P60 or a Schedule D or E tax assessment.

Equal instalments are requested

For divorced or separated parents, the parental contribution is assessed according to the "relevant income" of each parent and related to the actual custody period. The calculation includes the income of the spouse of any parent who has remarried.

The level of assistance is reviewed every year, based on the fresh financial information of income given. Those parents who have a "relative income" of £6,972 or below pay nothing towards the fees. An increasing share is borne above that, as the table illustrates.

The schools in the scheme have the scale of contributions and will calculate the parents' level. Most bursars request payment in equal instalments at the beginning of every term.

Complementary school meals are provided if the parents receive family income supplement or supplementary benefit. Half the cost of the meals is paid where the parental "relative income" is £5,917 or less. School uniform grants up to £118 are made where "relative income" is at or below £6,804.

If pupils live more than three miles from the school, help with public transport can also be available to those on lower incomes.

If the income level suddenly changes, say because of redundancy or the death of one of the parents, the share of the parental contribution may be assessed on current income, rather than on the level of the previous year.

There is no direct help towards the extra cost of boarding, but some schools offering the places will give assistance to bright pupils.

A list of the schools participating in the scheme is available from Room 3/65, Department of Education and Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1 7PH (for schools in England), and the Welsh Office Education Department, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ (for schools in Wales). Limited numbers are available at every school and early application is recommended.

Relative income 1987-88 tax year (after allowances for dependants)	Parents' contribution to fees in 1987-88 school year	
	One assisted place holder	For each of two assisted place holders
£	£	£
7,000	15	12
8,000	123	93
9,000	273	204
10,000	471	354
11,000	681	510
12,000	921	690
13,000	1,161	870
14,000	1,449	1,086
15,000	1,779	1,335
16,000	2,109	1,581

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The facts that may confuse the investor

INSURANCE

The Financial Services Act is intended to provide increased protection for investors. One way of achieving this is to make available a greater amount of information so that investors can make their choices on a better informed basis.

It all sounds very sensible but Britain's insurance companies are convinced that the present disclosure proposals are so wide-ranging that they will end up choking people with information that will only confuse them.

The proposals have been published by LAUTRO — the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation. It is one of the five nascent self-regulating organizations whose aim is to be granted recognition by the legally designated chief regulator, the Securities and Investments Board (SIB).

Radical revision of rules demanded

To obtain recognition LAUTRO has to satisfy the SIB that it has a comprehensive set of tough rules to enable it to police its own part of the financial services arena.

This week the Association of British Insurers, the trade association for the UK's major insurance companies, called for a fundamental revision of LAUTRO's rules to provide policyholders with detailed information about policy benefits. "The proliferation of information involved will not be in the best interests of the consumer," says the association.

Some people might think that kind of statement smacks of the insurance companies pretending to look after the consumer but in reality keeping vital information from him. But that is not how the insurance companies themselves see it.

The association argues that the spirit of the Financial Services Act is to provide the consumer with the sort of information he can readily assimilate in order to help him to make a decision on his savings and investments. It says that what LAUTRO is proposing goes way beyond this point and poses a serious risk of confusing investors and increasing costs, which the consumer will eventually have to pay.

In particular, the association asserts that costly and unnecessary duplication of work will be involved in supplying detailed information to potential policyholders of surrender values and projected benefits at both the point of sale and cooling-off stages. "It is not clear what this duplication of information would achieve," says the association.

It says it has no serious quarrel in principle with the idea of a cooling-off notice, which will give people the opportunity to back out of a life assurance, personal pension or unit trust contract within 14 days of signing on the dotted line. Indeed, a more restricted form of cooling-off has been operated by the life companies for several years. The association's concern is whether it is right to inundate people with repetitive facts and figures that will only confuse them.

It is not only the association that is pressing for a simplification of the information to be provided to consumers.

The Linked Life Assurance Group, whose members include companies such as Albany, Cornhill and Provincial, is particularly unhappy about LAUTRO's plan to require insurance companies to give information to potential clients about the impact of inflation on their policy benefits.

LAUTRO wants insurers to send out a notice to policyholders before they take out a contract reminding them that the purchasing power of the policy benefits and the real cost of the premiums to be paid will depend on the rate of inflation over the period of the contract.

Figures to scare off policyholders

The savage effects of inflation can be judged quite clearly from the fact that a 9 per cent inflation rate would turn £1,000 of today's money into just £422 after 10 years. Over 20 years, 9 per cent inflation would reduce the same £1,000 to £178. And it is not just the higher levels of inflation that take their toll. Even at 3 per cent inflation, £1,000 over 20 years would be reduced to a value of £554.

These figures are enough to scare off any would-be policyholder and that is just what the Linked Life Assurance Group is worried about. Its chairman Don Shore is opposed to the LAUTRO inflation rule for a number of reasons.



Don Shore: opposed



Malcolm Reid: playing down

First, he says, it prevents the client from judging the value of the policy benefit against his own view of future inflation. Mr Shore says it will also not be understood by a large number of clients and it is not even-handed between benefits and contributions.

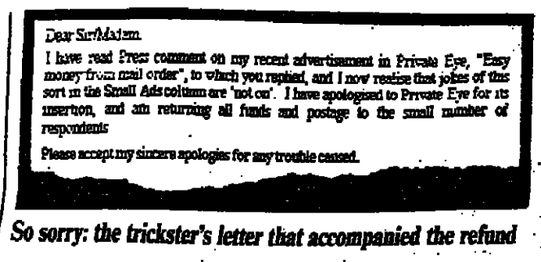
Overall, his group believes the proposed inflation warning places too great an emphasis on the impact of inflation on benefits and too little on premiums paid. Its solution is that monetary values should be used to illustrate benefits coupled with warnings about the impact of inflation.

Meanwhile LAUTRO's chief executive Malcolm Reid is playing down criticism of his organization's draft rules and denies that he is at loggerheads with the insurance companies.

Nevertheless, time is not on his side. He is hoping LAUTRO will be ready to apply to the SIB for recognition by the end of June, which leaves just one month to reconcile some fundamentally opposing opinions.

The chances are that LAUTRO will have to water down its proposals — otherwise it risks filibustering tactics by the insurance companies. It may have erred slightly too much on the side of generosity of detailed information, but for the benefit of consumers it must not sacrifice its basic intentions. If it does, the SIB will be right to send it back to the drawing board.

Peter Gartland



Dear Sir/Madam,

I have read Press comment on my recent advertisement in Private Eye, "Easy money from mail order", to which you replied, and I now realise that jokes of this sort in the Small Ads column are 'not on'. I have apologised to Private Eye for its insertion, and am returning all funds and postage to the small number of respondents.

Please accept my sincere apologies for any trouble caused.

So sorry: the trickster's letter that accompanied the refund

Mr Easy Money pays it all back

The £1 trickster exposed in last week's Family Money has been shamed into making amends.

He had advertised under a box number in the classified section of the satirical magazine *Private Eye*, offering to tell people on payment of £1 how to make easy money.

His money-making suggestion for those who sent £1 was that they should place a similar advertisement and watch the coins roll in.

This week, promptly after the Family Money article had appeared, he sent £1.20 to his victims with the following note:

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"Please accept my sincere apologies for any trouble caused."

That was not all. Cecilia Boggis in the *Private Eye* classified department, alerted by *The Times*, had told him that his brand of trickery was unacceptable.

"Then," she said, "he sent me a sweet letter, with a £10 donation to charity!"

The penitent con man, still protected by his advertisement box number from being unmasked, is at Cambridge University, and seems to be an undergraduate. In his letter to Miss Boggis he said he appreciated his advertisement was "a mistake".

The idea came about after a student rag and "what seemed harmless fun then now seems very different".

The unlikely combination of *The Times* and *Private Eye* resulted in the sort of justice that delighted Diana Bird at the Advertising Standards Authority.

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"It is good to see the media being responsible."

True, self-regulation really does work — but only if those involved use the machinery available and take responsible action.

On this occasion a reasonable complaint was made to *Private Eye* immediately the confidence trick was discovered. The magazine acted quickly to take the offender to task. And Family Money told the story and warned consumers to beware of such dubious advertisements.

Essential to follow the procedure

It is worth repeating the advice of last week's Family Money article that a victim should always complain either to the publication or to the Advertising Standards Authority, whose job it is to take up complaints on behalf of consumers.

This procedure is essential if unsavoury opportunists are to be curbed.

The Cambridge con man in this case has said he is sorry and has put matters right, at some financial cost to himself. But one must seriously wonder whether his conscience would have been sensitive enough to move him if pressure had not been exerted.

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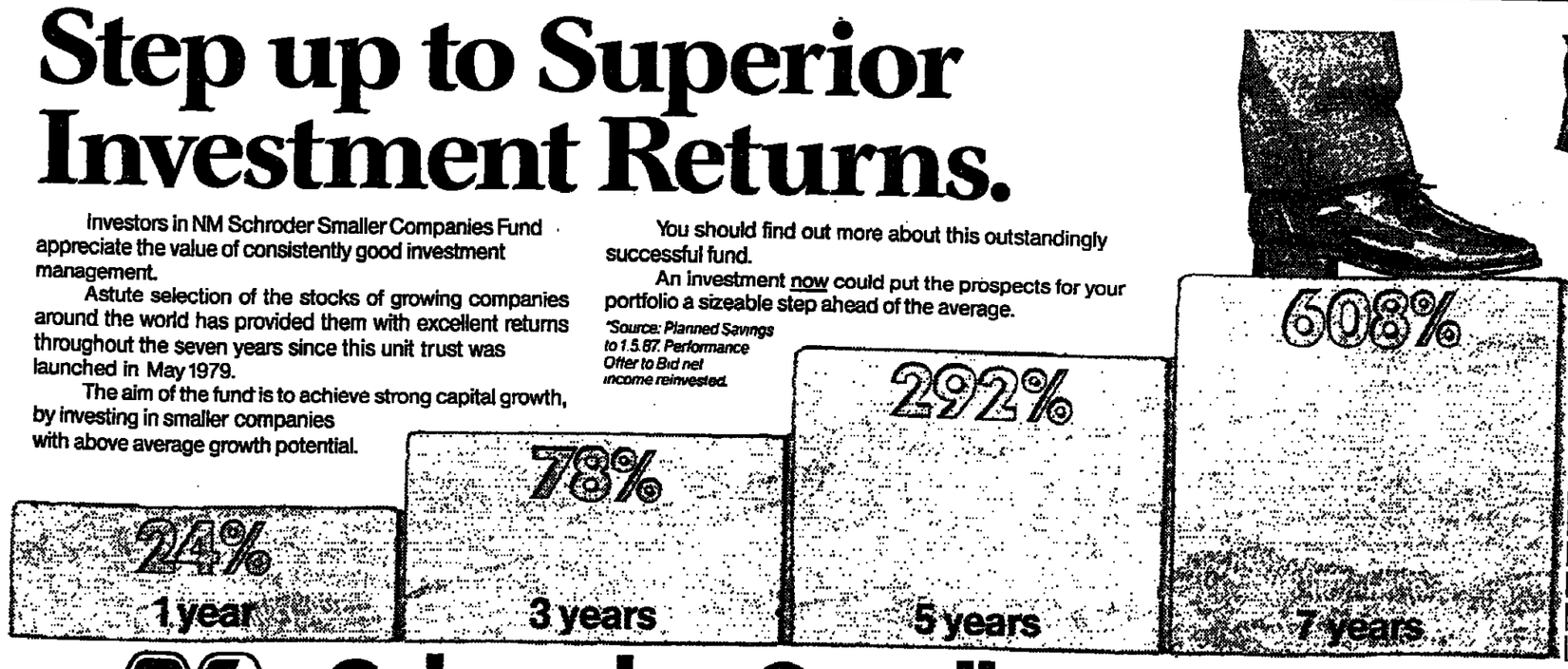
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■ "There's a sucker born every minute" is the quotation used by Rowan Bosworth-Davies as a lead-in for his new book *Too Good to be True*. The theme of the book is fraud.

Now, more people than ever have money to invest, as a result of commuted pensions, redundancy payments and inheritance. Mr Bosworth-Davies looks at the ways in which this growing number of first time investors can be conned by fraudsters.

During his years as a detective in the Metropolitan Police company fraud department, Mr Bosworth-Davies learnt of many of the tricks used from an informant who had himself been a successful fraudster and whose philosophy was: "People who have money to invest are all looking for the greatest return for the minimum outlay." Mr Bosworth-Davies says: "Essentially, he believed, this was equivalent to greed and as far as he was concerned, greedy people were legitimate targets. He would offer them an investment in a scheme which offered fantastic returns and he would then proceed to steal their money."

He also examines the methods adopted by the police, government departments and the Director of Public Prosecutions in investigating and prosecuting con men.

Mr Bosworth-Davies is now the investigations manager for FIMBRA, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association. *Too Good to be True* is published by Bodley Head at £12.95.

■ Financial advisers attending a major trade show in Brighton next week will hear plans for a computerized personal finance exchange. Mike Fenwick, an insurance broker based in Scotland, will unveil details of the exchange next Thursday, the opening day of the Personal Investment Marketing Show (PIMS 87).

The Insurance Investment & Information Exchange is intended to remove the need for financial intermediaries to handle client money and so reduce the cost of their authorization under the Financial Services Act. Mr Fenwick says the implications for investor protection are considerable.

British Telecom Insurance Services has been involved in developing the prototype of the exchange and Mr Fenwick hopes a pilot version will be in operation by the end of June.

Container inquiry goes on

The affairs of Containerworld Services, the container leasing company that went into voluntary liquidation last month, are still being scrutinized by liquidators and the Fraud Squad, *writes Amanda Pardoe.*

The liquidators, Laurence Gerrard & Co, have experienced some difficulties in obtaining information from SIS (UK) Ltd, the company employed last October by Containerworld Services to collect its debts and negotiate settlements with its creditors. They therefore instructed solicitors to obtain from SIS a full account of its dealings with the assets and affairs of the Containerworld Companies.

Although SIS delivered various documents to the solicitors on Thursday, a court hearing took place yesterday requesting further information from SIS. Laurence Gerrard & Co is keen to ensure that it has all facts relating to Containerworld.

This week, the liquidators wrote to all container owners bringing them up to date with events and listing the companies that have expressed an interest in taking over the management of the Containerworld fleet. These include Acugreen Container Leasing Ltd, which has been managing the Containerworld fleet since March 1, William Hamilton, who is co-ordinator of the Containerworld Action and Rescue Group, Shirlstar Container Transport Ltd and SIS (UK) Ltd.

The joint liquidators, Laurence Gerrard and Richard Hyams, are making no recommendations, but advise investors to make their own inquiries to assess the suitability of the companies listed. They also stress the need for a decision to be made as soon as possible. A simple questionnaire is attached to the letter for investors to indicate their preference.

Already, about 150 replies have been received, and around 80 per cent of them favour leaving the management of the fleet in the hands of Acugreen.

■ Lloyds Bank is making a number of improvements to its High Interest Cheque Account. From June 10 there will be no minumum entry requirement, the limit on daily cash point withdrawals will be increased from £300 to £500, and both a secured and unsecured overdraft facility will be available.

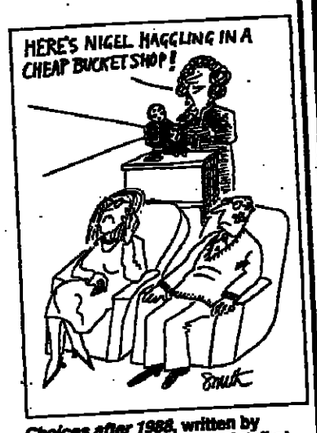
The interest earned on credit balances will be paid monthly in future as opposed to quarterly. The current net rates are 2.7 per cent on sums up to £1,000, rising to 6.5 per cent on balances of £50,000 and over.

Although a full current account service is offered, the High Interest Cheque Account is not an attractive alternative for the average customer. The interest paid has to be weighed against the charges – only one free debit a month is permitted. Thereafter debits cost 50p each.

Lloyds has also reviewed the charges on its ordinary current account. From June 5 customers who overdraw will be charged 25p per transaction, as opposed to 20p. This figure is lower than the debit charges of Barclays, Midland and National Westminster, but Lloyds, it must be remembered, also charges for credits.

■ Several personal finance books have been published during the past week. David Lewis's *The Savers' and Investors' Guide 1987-88*, is aimed at both the novice and the experienced investor. It is published in paperback by Wisebuy, and costs £2.95.

Pensions: Agenda for Change. Planning and Implementing Pension



Choices after 1988, written by Martin Paterson, looks in detail at the recent changes in the law relating to pensions and how to deal with them. It is published in hardback by Woodhead-Faulkner (Publishers Ltd) at £32.50.

The second edition of the *Allied Dunbar Retirement Planning Guide* is now available. The book is written by Barry Bean, Tony Foreman and Dr Beric Wright, and covers health and finance in retirement. It is published in hardback by Longman at £13.50.

On the retirement front, The Stock Exchange Press has launched a new personal finance magazine, *Retirement Investor*. It is written by Valentine Low and is available from high street newsagents at £1.25. Free with the first issue is the second edition of the Stock Exchange Press guide to personal equity plans, *PEP Investor*.

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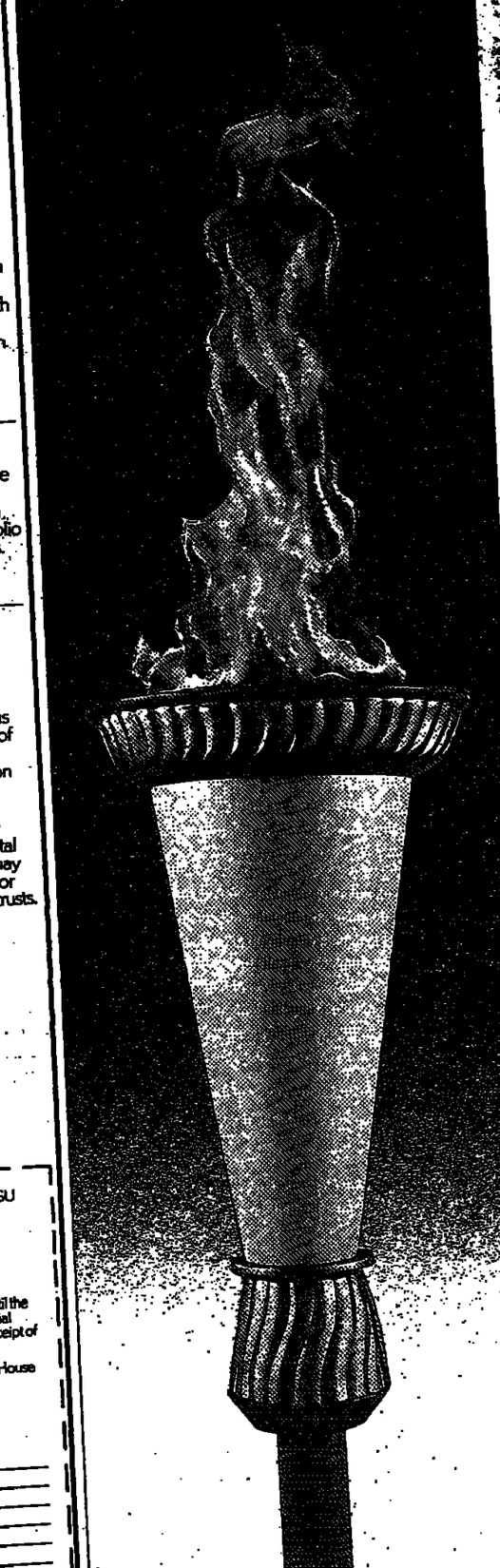
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For the tax year 1986-87, this boosted the single person's allowance of £2,335 by £1,320 to £3,655. You can claim this if you are a married couple living together or if the husband is wholly maintaining the wife with voluntary payments not set up under a court order or legally binding settlement.

If you each earned enough last year, it may be worth sacrificing the married person's allowance so that the wife's earnings can be taxed separately. There is no short cut to making a final decision but, in approximate terms, the wife's earnings election would not be useful for 1986-87 unless the minimum joint income is at least £26,520 and the wife's income is at least £6,986.

Although it is called the married man's allowance it may not always go to the man. For example, if only the wife is working, she can claim the wife's earned income allowance of £2,335, and the married man's allowance can be transferred to her. So, if just the husband goes to work, the total personal tax allowance will amount to £3,655 for 1986-87, whereas if the husband stays at home and the wife is the earner, the total personal tax allowance would be £5,990 last year and £6,220 this year.

You can start claiming the married allowance during the year of marriage. How much will depend on the dates. If you were married on April 6,

Extra boost for the over-80s

you can claim full entitlement; if you were married on October 6, you can claim half of it.

Few allowances cause more questions than the age allowance. If either a husband or a wife was born before April 6, 1923, it may be possible to claim it. This allowance in 1986-87 increases the married allowance by £850 to £4,505. In the current year, the allowances have been increased with an extra boost for people of 80 and over.

The additional personal allowance is worth £1,320 in 1986-87 and is basically intended to replace the married allowance for people who do not have a husband or wife to help them bring up children. It is provided for people who have a child living with them and either are unable to claim the married allowance, for example, because they are single parents, or because the wife is incapacitated.

The child must be your own or at least maintained by you. Children who are 16 or more during the tax year do not qualify unless they are in full-time education or on a two-year training course. If you are divorced and you share the maintenance of a child you can share the allowance between you.

The dependent relative allowance of £75 a year is one of those minor allowances, along with the housekeeper allowance and the son's or daughter's services allowance, that successive Chancellors seem incapable of abolishing outright but which depreciate in value through inflation.

However, the blind person's allowance, £360 last year, has been increased a little from time to time. Blindness for these purposes does not necessarily mean absolute loss of sight. Rather, it means the impossibility of performing any work for which eyesight is essential. If both husband and wife are blind, they can each claim this allowance.

It is largely beyond your control whether you qualify for most of the available allowances. In the case of retirement annuity payments, the availability of the relief would depend on whether you have paid premiums into a personal pension plan. You can pay premiums into one of these types of plan – variously called personal pension plans, retirement annuities, self-employed pension plans, per

The maximum depends on age

sonal retirement plans, and so on.

If you have "net relevant earnings", it means you are self-employed or are an employee but not a member of your employer's pension scheme.

Your net relevant earnings are your taxable profits from being self-employed or your non-pensionable earnings from a job.

The maximum you can invest in respect of every year's earnings would depend on your age. During 1986-87, people born in 1934 or later could invest up to 17.5 per cent of their net relevant earnings for that tax year. Older people could invest more. You can also catch up on premiums over and above this limit if you have not paid the maximum premiums you could have made during the previous six tax years, going back to 1980-81.

In fact, you can still pay a premium and have it treated as if you had paid it last year. This could be worth doing. Not only will you get the tax relief sooner, but you may actually save more tax because the basic tax rate last year was 29 per cent, whereas it is now 27 per cent. If you want to relate back a premium to 1986-87 and you paid it after April 5, you will need Form 43. The Inland Revenue can provide this.

It only remains to sign the declaration at the bottom, and you can relax for another year. It will then just be a question of checking the assessment and/or the notice of coding, bearing in mind that roughly a quarter of them may be wrong for one reason or another.

Danby Bloch and Raymond Godfrey



Debit card: Wednesday debut

Brisk business with a piece of plastic

Cashless shopping is on its way. This week Barclays reached agreement with the big retailers over introducing the new Connect debit card.

The card, being launched on Wednesday, enables shoppers to pay by plastic at shop counters, with immediate debit to their bank current account – unlike a credit card where a separate account is debited. It is intended to replace cheques as an easier and swifter method of payment, cutting shop queues and reducing fraud.

While the other banks are experimenting with similar cards, Barclays is going ahead with the first nation-wide system. You have to be a Barclays customer to get a card, because Connect is directly linked to Barclays accounts only. Barclays customers are already getting mail shots, and brochures are inviting them to apply. The bank is also planning press and television advertising and prominently displayed posters. Barclays expects to have issued about a million cards before the year end.

The card is easier and quicker than cheques and cheque cards. It doubles, like a Barclaycard, as a cash card and cheque guarantee card. And it costs nothing to get one. The card will also be usable in shops abroad, as well as in Britain, provided they are part of the Visa card system. That should be a lot easier, and probably cheaper, than using travellers' cheques or Eurocheques.

After that, the benefits are not so obvious. Your account is debited instantly, without the delay of two or three days you get with a cheque. You do not get instant credit unless you have arranged for an overdraft with your bank manager. However, if you have arranged one, the overdraft cost is likely to be slightly less than the cost of running up the debt on a credit card.

The real benefit is to the bank and the retailers, which means they have strong reasons for persuading the public to use debit cards. Cheques are costly and cumbersome to process. Once the system becomes fully automated it will be very fast and cheap to run.

Initially, Connect cards will be processed just like Barclaycards. As the system is improved you will simply "wipe" the debit card through a machine, key in a personal identification number, and the whole transaction will be processed within seconds.

So far eight large retailers have agreed to accept the card – Boots, Burtons, C & J Clarks, Sears, Tesco, Dixons, W.H. Smith and Woolworth. Barclays is negotiating with others and aims to have Connect accepted in all 260,000 British retail outlets belonging to the Visa system.

The agreement with retailers has not been easily reached, however. Barclays tried to impose a processing charge equivalent to the amount it charges for credit cards. The retailers said this was far more than they already paid for processing cheques, which Connect is supposed to replace.

They refused to accept the card until Barclays agreed to charge the same as for cheques. There is now an uneasy peace, but enough to allow the start of one of the biggest innovations in payment systems for years.

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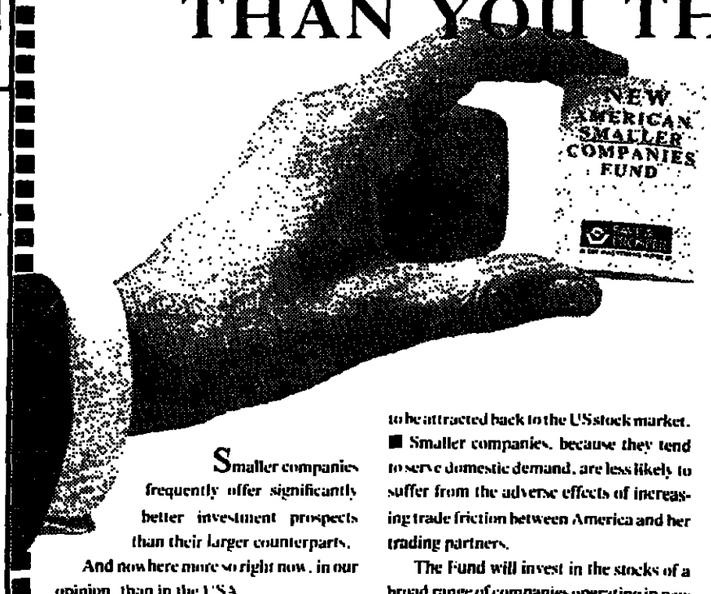
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It is now three years since Gartmore Fund Managers launched the first umbrella fund — the Capital Strategy Fund Ltd.

The mechanics of the umbrella fund are quite straightforward. The Capital Stategy Fund Ltd, which is an open-ended offshore investment company, comprises a range of different share classes, or sub-funds as they are often described. Some share classes are invested in equities from different world markets, some are made up of fixed interest securities, and others are held in currency deposits.

The investor can buy shares in any or all of these share classes, which means that a broadly based portfolio is easy to construct. However, it is up to the individual to decide which shares to buy and when to switch or sell them. Telephone dealing can be done on any working day in Jersey, and written confirmation is not required.

The wide investment choice offered by this umbrella fund is not the only attraction. Every sub-fund is quoted at a single price, which means there is no "spread" when investors convert their holding from one class of shares to another.

What is more, in common with other offshore umbrella funds, switches between share classes do not incur either liability to UK capital gains tax or UK stamp duty.

The Inland Revenue has confirmed that this favourable CGT treatment is allowed under current legislation in accordance with the Capital Gains Tax Act.

Gartmore's Capital Strategy Fund has grown considerably since its launch, and assets under management have now reached US$500 million, 40 per cent of which is from UK investors. Mark Doman, the product manager, believes the size of Capital Strategy "reflects the confidence of investors attracted by the low cost and flexibilty" of the fund.

This week Gartmore announced a number of changes

'The spicier growth fund'

and introduced six new sub-funds, bringing the total to 21. There are four new equity funds — an Australasian Fund, investing in both the Australian and New Zealand equity markets, a Canadian Fund investing in Canadian equities and convertible bonds, a Global Resources Fund, investing in commodity-orientated companies and an Emerging Markets Fund.

This last, which will closely resemble Gartmore's Frontier Markets unit trust, which was launched earlier this year, is clearly the most speculative fund in the range. Paul Myners, chairman of Capital Strategy, says: "I see it as the spicier international growth fund."

In addition to the equity funds, two more deposit funds have been introduced — the French Franc Deposit Fund and the Australian Dollar Deposit Fund. One existing fund has also been restructured — the International High Income Fund now becomes the International Bond Fund.

The other changes announced relate to the charges. Previously, investors have been entitled to four free switches a year. This has now been increased to 12. Mr Doman says there is relatively little switching activity, with few investors making more than eight in a year.

Gartmore also proposes to change the annual management fee. At present 0.75 per cent is charged on all funds. Gartmore intends that it should be retained at this level for the deposit funds, but increased to 1 per cent for the equity, fixed interest and specialist funds. This is expected to come into effect by the end of the year.

Capital Strategy is not aimed at the small investor. The minimum investment is US$25,000 or the sterling equivalent, which can be freely split among any number of sub-funds.

To date Capital Strategy has appealed primarily to institutions and professional intermediaries, who together account for 80 per cent of the assets under management — the current number of private client investors is in the region of 6,500.

Amanda Pardoe

Housewives in the dark

PENSIONS

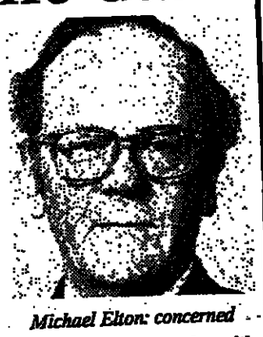
More than one in five housewives does not know whether her husband is in a pension scheme, says a new survey.

The survey, commissioned by the National Association of Pension Funds, which represents 1,300 of Britain's major occupational funds, also shows that nearly half the wives who do know their husbands are in a scheme have never talked to them about it.

The association's director general, Michael Elton, says he is particularly concerned about the lack of understanding among housewives, whom he describes as "an especially vulnerable group", at a time when people will start to make decisions about opting out of their scheme to take out a personal pension.

Mr Elton says that because housewives are not working, they have to rely on their husbands to make pension arrangements on their behalf. He is worried that many husbands will opt for a personal pension that will not automatically carry a widow's benefit if they die while still working. So they will have to make special provision at extra cost.

"If they don't talk to their wives about these pension provisions, there is a danger that many will forget to do so," he says.


Michael Elton: concerned

The association, determined to combat public ignorance and apathy, has just launched an information campaign with the theme, "Can you really beat a pension that comes with your job?" The centrepiece of it is a 12-minute video starring the comedian Lenny Henry as an occupational scheme member faced with choosing between his employer's scheme and a personal pension plan.

Mr Elton says it would be appalling if millions were persuaded to risk their financial security in retirement without understanding that was precisely what they could be doing by leaving a good occupational scheme in favour of a personal pension.

The insurance companies and other providers of personal pensions, such as banks, building societies and unit trust groups, will put forward the argument that a personal pension can be right for some people. Legal & General says people under 35 who stay for less than five years before changing jobs would be better off with a personal pension.

This week Royal Life launched a new range of pension products together with a free booklet* explaining current and future pension options.

Royal points out that, assuming the Tories are re-elected, pension changes due to come into force in the next 12 months will have a dramatic effect on the way more than 20 million working people will pay for the pensions they will start to collect in the 21st century. As with all revolutions there will be winners and losers, says Royal.

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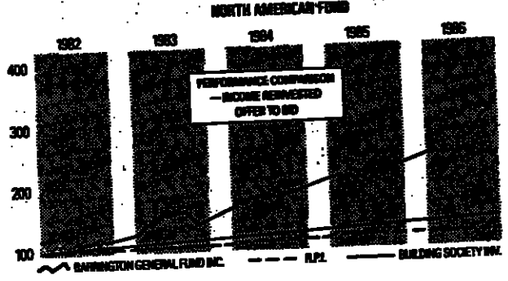
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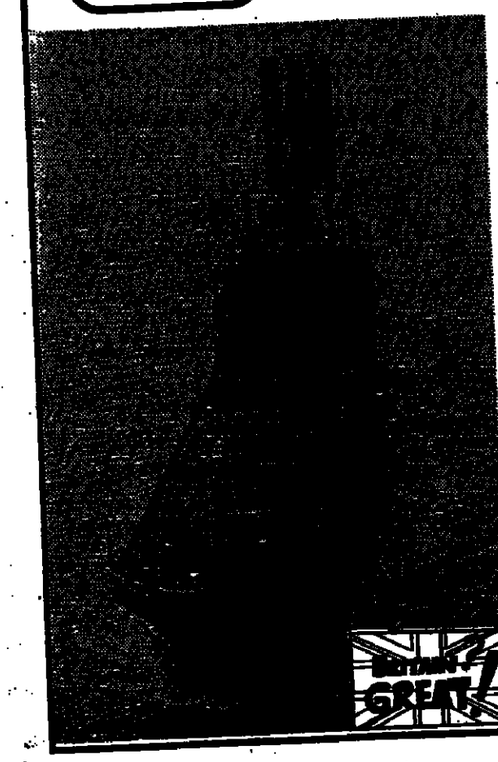
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TAX

WALTER SINCLAIR advises on pre-election tax planning

Good planning includes providing for contingencies. This is particularly true of tax planning at present.

The manifestos of the main parties have made it clear that only one of them stands for lower taxation, and Labour, in particular, favours higher taxes, particularly for the better off. The possibility of the Labour Party forming the next government should be taken into account in tax planning. This means taking steps now.

For maximum safety, arrangements should be completed, at the latest, by the time Parliament reassembles after the election. It is not likely that substantial tax changes will be put into effect immediately. But changes could be announced, effective from the date of the announcement, with legislation to follow later.

Readers would be well advised to direct their attention to opportunities for capital tax planning. In particular, there are inheritance tax openings that would be unlikely to continue if the government changes.

The biggest inheritance tax opening is that in general, the tax is not now charged on lifetime gifts. It is true that, should the donor die within seven years, some tax may be paid. However, it seems most unlikely that Labour would allow this freedom from tax to continue.

No specific reference appears in the manifesto but Labour does state that it will introduce a wealth tax. To prevent wealthy individuals from reducing their estates by gifts, some tax on lifetime gifts seems likely.

So the first suggestion is to make lifetime gifts. Gifts could be made to your family outright. Alternatively, trusts might be used, particularly where the amounts involved are substantial. As the intention is partly to guard against a period with a higher tax regime, there is a strong case for "generation-skipping".

In other words, give money for the benefit of your grandchildren, rather than only for your children.

Accumulation and maintenance settlements are particularly useful for this purpose. The money you settle will be

Beneficiaries from a wider range

accumulated for your grandchildren until they reach a specified age and the income can be used for their maintenance and education.

However, to obtain full tax benefits, the trusts must specify that the beneficiaries receive the income as of right, by the time they are 25. You would normally also make stipulations as to when they receive the capital.

Transfers into accumulation and maintenance settlements are treated in the same way as other lifetime gifts for inheritance tax purposes. On the other hand, if you set up a discretionary settlement, the money you put into it is charged to inheritance tax at half the full rates immediately.

But this need not be serious. If you keep within the £90,000 nil-rate band (taking account of other transfers), no inheritance tax will be payable when you establish the trust.

The particular advantage of a discretionary settlement is its flexibility. You are able to include as beneficiaries a far wider range of people, compared with an accumulation and maintenance settlement.

Gifts and settlements should not be confined to cash. Gifts of shares in a family company are particularly beneficial. Not only do they attract inheritance tax business property relief, but by gifting shares now you are likely substantially to reduce the value of your estate and hence the inheritance tax when you die.

You should not act without taking professional advice. Furthermore, make gifts only to the extent that you can afford them. From a tax point of view, gifts offer the greatest certainty. Settlements themselves may be subjected to more penal tax under a different government, but on balance seem worthwhile.

Capital gains tax has remained at 30 per cent since its introduction in 1965. However, there are many relieving provisions, such as for retirement and gifts — and the £6,600 annual exemption. Thus, it makes good sense to take capital gains now rather than waiting for a possibly more stringent regime.

Profits from property particularly have been penalized in the past. Therefore it makes sense to sell now, in case a new government were to bring back something like development land tax.

As always, the message is that you should do nothing purely for tax purposes but if it makes good commercial sense to realize profits now, pre-election prudence provides an added reason for so doing.

Wealth tax received only a very brief manifesto mention, from which it is impossible to deduce the exact rules that would apply. However, the essence is the redistribution of wealth and if you act quickly, you can do this in the way that you wish, to members of your

Invest overseas before the election

family. Basically, any inheritance tax planning is likely to have this effect.

Capital tax planning steps will often have the useful additional advantage of saving income tax. For example, if you give assets to your adult son, who has lower tax rates than you, this will save income tax. This tax saving would be greater if Labour came to power, as it is likely to bring back an investment income surcharge and increase the higher rates of tax.

The exchange control legislation has only just been repealed, although it has not been operated since 1979. Labour could bring it back, so if you have any plans for making investments overseas, play safe and finalize them before the election.

Walter Sinclair is a tax partner in Kidsons and author of the Allied Dunbar Tax Guide

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The income from the four older trusts in the Portfolio has risen nearly three-and-a-half times since the Extra Yield Fund was launched in 1973. Past performance is no guarantee for the future, but the income from this Portfolio is expected to continue growing in future years. With a Bank or Building Society deposit, however, the income can vary only in line with the general level of interest rates.

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1983	£ 825	£1,338
1984	£ 849	£1,423
1985	£ 907	£1,617
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% rise in Fund offer price since launch	+1054.2%	+812.0%	+435.6%	+549.6%	+40.2%
% rise in F.T. All Share Index over same period	+903.4%	+557.4%	+452.6%	+522.0%	+69.6%
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BENEFITS

The provisions contained in the Social Security Act 1986 are gradually being brought into force, with harsh results for many claimants.

However, the major impact will be felt by the most vulnerable members of the community next April, when the present Supplementary Benefit (SB) system is abolished – along with Additional Allowances and Single Payments – in favour of the new Income Support (IS) scheme and the Social Fund.

April 1988 may seem a long way off, but you should have some idea of how the systems will work, because unless action is taken now by some groups of claimants, they could find themselves entitled to much less next year.

The eligibility rules for IS will be much the same as for SB. Consequently, pensioners, single parents, people with disabilities, unemployed or sick people and carers will all qualify as now.

One piece of good news is that capital will be treated slightly differently. Under SB rules, anyone who has more than £3,000 capital is barred from the scheme. In contrast, the IS scheme will admit people with up to £6,000 in capital.

However, for every £250 worth of capital above £3,000, the claimant will be deemed to be receiving £1 per week income.

Almost all SB Additional Allowances will be abolished, including heating allowances, as will the distinction between long-term and short-term rates of SB.

Single payments will also be abolished in favour of the new Social Fund. This will provide a very limited range of grants and loans, but only for people who have, at best, less than £500 worth of savings.

The fund will be available only to people in certain "priority" groups, and the items or services for which loans or grants will be awarded will be very much more restricted than is the case for single payments.

This means that, for most people, the fund will be of very limited help, if at all.

Consequently, they must rely on the Income Support scheme alone.



The table shows the amounts of benefit the DHSS is using at the moment to illustrate the workings of the IS scheme.

As an example, suppose the claimant is 25 years old, single and disabled. His weekly IS benefit would be:

Basic rate	£30.60
Plus Disabled Person's Premium	£12.25
	= £42.85 per week

Many people now receiving SB – and especially those who have disabilities – will look at the table and realize that, by comparison with SB, the IS scheme could leave them much worse off.

This is because no less than 10 of the 14 additional allowances now available through the SB system, are directly related to ill health or disability or both.

The Government has accepted this and consequently has promised that people, whose SB plus additional allowances amount to more in April 1988 than they would receive were they to be transferred to IS, will have the cash value of their benefit protected until such time as the IS rates catch up.

However, to enjoy this protection, the claimant must be receiving the SB Additional Allowances by next April.

Unfortunately, because only cash protection is being given, as long as the total benefit payment is above the IS rate, there will be no yearly increases.

The only exception to this is in relation to the Domestic Care Assistance addition, which will be given real value protection, so that it will increase with inflation every year.

Again though, it will be payable only to those people who have established a need before IS comes into operation.

Other additional allowances include:

- Heating addition
- Diet addition
- Laundry addition
- Special Clothing addition
- Heavy Wear and Tear on Clothing addition
- Attendance Needs addition
- Bathing addition
- Age addition
- Blindness addition
- Hospital Fares

At present a claimant can receive any number of these additions, many of which can add a substantial amount to their total weekly benefit payment.

Regrettably it often takes a long time to establish entitlement to additional allowances. That is why, if you are receiving SB and think you might be entitled to one or more of these additional allowances, you should claim as soon as possible, in order to protect your benefit next April.

Charles Jackson

Next week: additional allowances and how to claim them

INCOME SUPPORT: ILLUSTRATIVE FIGURES (£ per week)

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Single person aged 25 or over	30.60
Lone parent aged 18 or over	30.60
Couple	48
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Single sick or disabled person	12.25
Couple sick or disabled	17.45
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Family premium (per family, not per child)	5.75
Lone parent	3.45
Single pensioner aged 60-79	10
Pensioner couple aged 60-79	15.10
Single pensioner aged 80 or over	12.25
Pensioner couple aged 80 or over	17.45
•• CHILD ADDITIONS	
Child less than 11	10.10
Child aged 11-15	15.10
Child aged 16-17	18.20
Child aged 18-19	24

* Is paid in addition to the Disabled Person's Premium but the disabled person must be in receipt of Attendance Allowance, and must be living alone, and there must be no-one who is eligible for Invalid Care Allowance in respect of the disabled person's needs

•• Not payable if the child or young person has capital of more than £3,000

Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 27).

Share No	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+4	+2	+3	+5		
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38	+4	+3	+2	+7		
39	+4	+3	+2	+5		
40	+1	+5	+3	+3		
41	+3	+3	+2	+3		
42	+4	+4	+3	+6		
43	+2	+5	+2	+4		
44	+3	+4	+5	+3		

Law Report May 30 1987

Wardship limited to avoid conflict

In re D (a Minor)
Before Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Woolf
[Judgment May 19]

The Education Act 1981 provided a self-contained code designed to provide for children with special educational needs without the intervention of the courts. However, the wardship jurisdiction of the court remained. The court had to limit the exercise of its jurisdiction so as to avoid coming into conflict with the exercise by the local authority of its statutory powers and duties.

Where both wardship and judicial review proceedings might be appropriate it was most important that steps were taken to ensure that the proceedings were heard together so far as possible.

The Court of Appeal so held, in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the parents of the minor from an order of Mr Justice Waite dated December 18, 1986, in wardship proceedings brought by the parents of the minor.

The judge had ordered that the minor should remain a ward, that he should be placed in the care of the local authority pursuant to section 7(2) of the Family Law Reform Act 1969, that the local authority, namely the Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council, should make the necessary arrangements for the minor, that pending such placement the minor should remain in the care and control of his parents and that the local authority should arrange access by the parents in the school holidays.

The father in person; Mr Graham Platts for the local authority; Mr Andrew Kirkwood for the *guardian ad litem*.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was noted at an early age that the minor was intellectually and linguistically retarded. The local education authority recommended that he should attend a special school.

His educational problems were combined with physical problems. His growth was retarded. He suffered from a compulsive thirst and was also an epileptic but that condition was now controlled by medication.

In July 1985 the minor was placed in the remedial unit of a general comprehensive school. In August 1985 the local authority started care proceedings in the magistrates' court seeking an interim care order under the Children and Young Persons Act 1969.

By initiating those proceedings the local authority were not intending to remove the minor from the care of his parents. They were using the care proceedings as the only method open to them for dealing with the tactics of the minor's parents which were effectively stalling their attempts to assess the minor's needs.

The response of the parents was to issue the wardship proceedings on August 29, 1985. That resulted in the care proceedings being adjourned *sine die*.

The issue of principle concerned the extent, if any, to which the courts in wardship proceedings were curtailed by the statutory duties and powers of the local authority with regard to the education of children in their area.

Sections 1, 5, 7 and 9 of the Education Act 1981 provided a code designed to provide for children with needs such as the minor's with the intervention of the court. Notwithstanding, however, the statutory code, there was no reason whatever why the court should refrain from exercising its jurisdiction when it was desirable for it to do so in order to assist a local authority to perform their statutory duties.

It was only if the effect of exercising its powers would be to create a conflict between the role of the court and that of the local authority, or the risk of such conflict, that the court should decline to intervene. The court retained jurisdiction: see *A v Liverpool City Council* ([1982] AC 363 and *In re W (a Minor) (Wardship Jurisdiction)* ([1985] AC 791).

Accordingly, although the minor had now been committed to the care of the local authority, the court had a statutory power to give directions to the local authority as to the manner in which it exercised its jurisdiction. That could materially limit the discretion which a local authority normally had with regard to children in their care: see section 7(3) of the 1969 Act and section 43(5) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973. In the instant case no conflict or other difficulty arose.

On the merits of the case, the judge, on the evidence before him, rightly indentified the principal issue which he had to decide as being whether the minor's problems required him to go either to a special local school while continuing to reside at home or to a special boarding school.

The judge's decision that the minor should go to a boarding school was not one that the court could fault. Nor could the court fault the choice of boarding school made by the judge on the basis of the medical evidence before him. Accordingly, in the circumstances of the case the order made was appropriate.

The court was concerned that the local authority should arrange proper access for the parents. Since the hearing, and at its own request, the court had been provided with the local authority's proposals which were agreed by the Official Solicitor as *guardian ad litem*. Those contained generous proposals for access. That was another reasons why the present orders should stand unless and until the situation changed.

Although not directly before the court their Lordships considered it to be in the minor's best interests to say something about the parents' application for leave to apply for judicial review.

An order of prohibition was sought to prevent the local authority and the governors from admitting the minor to the school or any other special school until his special educational needs had been assessed and a statement of such needs maintained by the local authority.

It was now clearly established that the court would not use its jurisdiction in wardship to review the acts and decisions of local authorities either in relation to their powers and duties with regard to children committed to their care or in respect of decisions exercising their statutory powers as the relevant educational authority. But some of the issues raised in the present case were in fact appropriate for consideration by judicial review.

Although applications for judicial review were normally heard by a judge in the Queen's Bench Division and wardship proceedings by a judge of the Family Division, in appropriate cases arrangements could be and were made for the judicial review proceedings to come before a judge in the Family Division.

As long as the application for leave to apply for judicial review was made promptly, it should be perfectly practical for the wardship application and the judicial review application to be listed before the same judge on the same day.

In all the circumstances, here, in the minor's interests for finality as to the present position their Lordships considered it right to indicate their views that there appeared to be no basis on which leave should be given in the proceedings for judicial review.

Solicitors: Mr J. W. G. MacGregor, Bolton; Official Solicitor.

Officer can assist on sentence

Regina v Liverpool Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte Atkinson
Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice McCullough
[Judgment May 22]

Where a probation officer had caused an offender subject to a community service order to be brought on an information before a magistrates' court for breach of the terms of that order, his function, which was very similar to that of a prosecutor, namely to prosecute on the facts establishing the breach and to assist the court on the basis of his holding office as a probation officer, did not breach the fundamental rule that a prosecutor did not advocate to the court the type of sentence that should be imposed or the magnitude of it.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing the application of Christopher Martin Atkinson for an order of *certiorari* to quash the order of the stipendiary magistrate, Mr Norman Godfrey Wootton, on August 8, 1986, committing him to the crown court following the proving on July 18, 1986, of a breach of the community service order imposed on him by Liverpool Crown Court on February 1, 1985.

Mr Andrew Moran for the applicant; the magistrate did not appear and was not represented; Mr David Geey for the probation officer.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that sections 15 and 16 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 clearly showed the intimate role played by officers in supervising an offender's performance of an order, and in satisfying the court whenever there had been non-compliance with the order, which if established made the offender liable to further punishment.

Once the breach was established the court required the relevant officer's assistance; of course, he was not to indicate that a particular fine should be imposed nor should he determine that the particular order be revoked or that the offender be committed to the crown court, but he could express his view whether the order should continue.

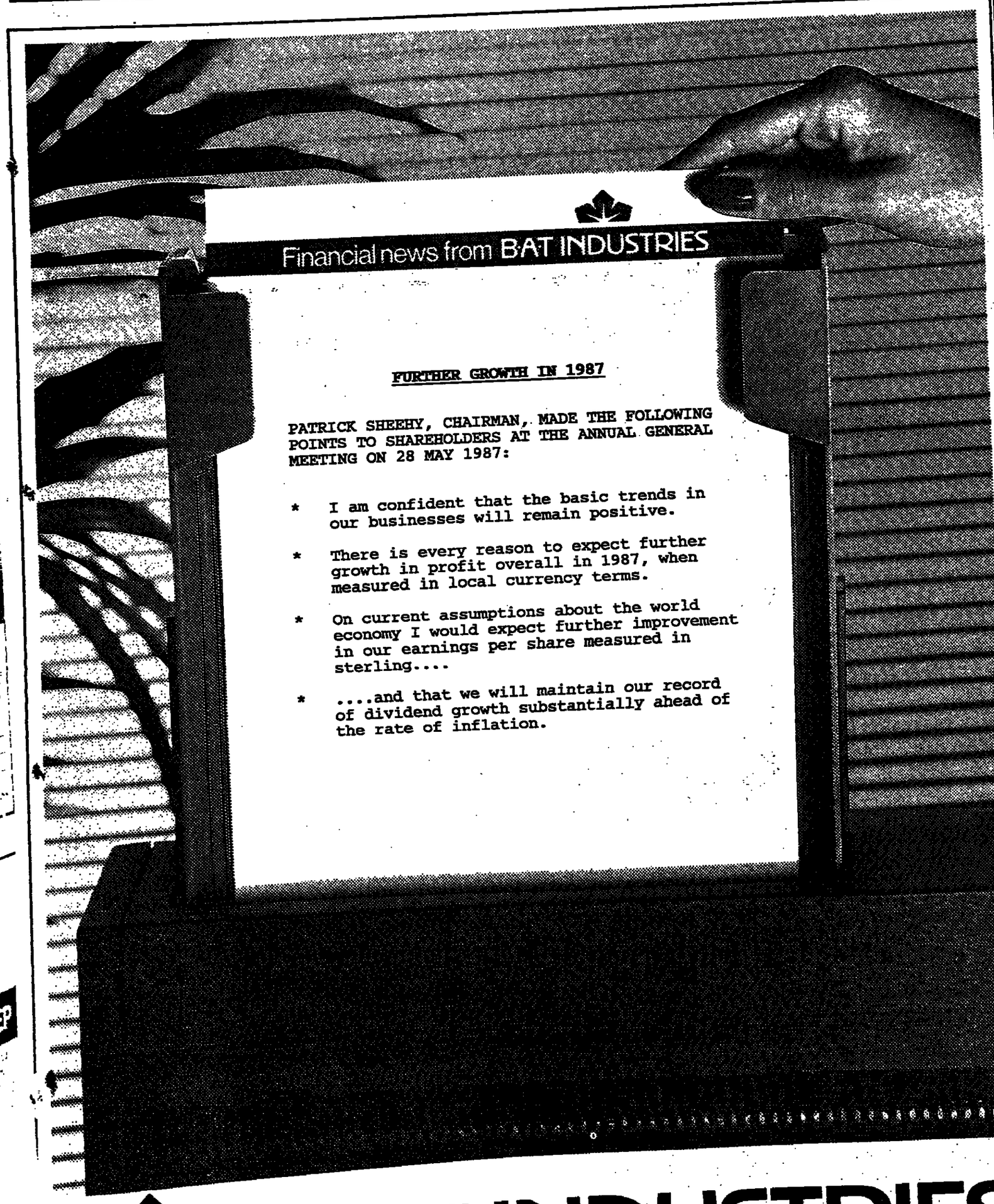
MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that it was artificial to suggest that the fact that the officer had given evidence to prove the breach disqualified him from conducting the case against the offender.

Solicitors: R. M. Broudie & Co, Liverpool; Mr Keith Moss, Liverpool.

Magistrate erred

Regina v West London Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte Watts
A magistrate erred in sentencing a defendant on a deferred sentence four days after the expiry of the six-month time limit in section 1(2) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Macpherson) so held on May 22 quashing the magistrate's decision of November 9, 1983.



MOTOR RACING: MONACO SPECIALIST FAVOURS 20-CAR RACE

Prost is a pole apart as he adds fuel to the big grid debate

From John Blunsden
Monte Carlo

The debate about whether it is desirable to have 26 cars on the grid for the Monaco Grand Prix or the usual 20 has been reopened with vigour in the aftermath of the series of crashes during the first day of qualifying, even though none of these was related to the decision to open the race to more cars.

Alain Prost, who not only has won this race for the past three years but is president of the Grand Prix Drivers' Association, is *adamant that* to admit more cars is a retrogressive step. "This is always a difficult track on which to pass slower cars," he says. "And with more cars on the track the problem will be compounded in the race."

When it was put to him that in admitting all 26 cars and drivers into the race (in fact it *will be 25 tomorrow as a result* of Christian Danner's disqualification), the dangerous situation of up to seven drivers trying desperately to secure the last place on a 20-car grid had been eliminated, he conceded that this was so.

Problems caused by the drivers

"But at least we were aware of the situation and knew that these drivers were probably too busy to be looking in their mirrors as we approached them during the last hour of qualifying. It is a question of compromises, and I haven't altered my view that 20 cars in *a race here is sufficient.*"

But Bernard Ecclestone, president of the Formula One Constructors' Association, has a very different view. "In the first place, you cannot run a world championship properly if you have different rules for different rounds," he says. "The rules state that 26 cars shall be admitted into each race, and that is as it should be. There is nothing wrong with the circuit here, and it forms an important part of the world championship.

"If you have an accident on the track it usually involves just one or two cars – the rest are scattered around the other parts of the circuit. So the problem is not caused by the cars on the track but by the drivers in the cars." Without naming names, he went on: "Idiots will always be idiots, and that's where the real trouble lies."

Marco Piccinini, the Ferrari spokesman, concurred, adding: "Obviously, from a safety standpoint, 20 cars should be safer than 26, 15 safer than 20 and 10 safer than 15, but this is, after all, a world championship, and Mr Ferrari himself was prepared to back the 26-car proposal, even if a little reluctantly."

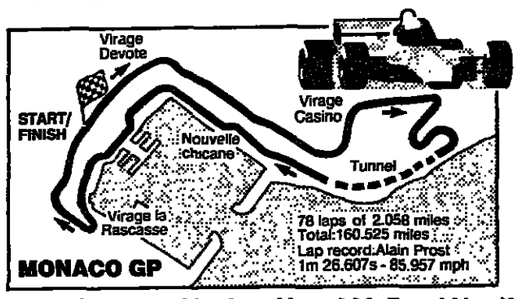
Ferrari, *meanwhile*, have been the busiest of all the Formula One teams here during their so-called "rest day".

They arrived with four cars but are already down to two which are raceworthy. "Alboreto's spare has become his race car, replacing the one which was destroyed," Piccinini explained. "And Berger is also using his spare. *He badly creased the mono*coque of his race car when he crashed on Thursday, but we've flown in some carbon fibre parts and are trying to rebuild the car, patchwork fashion, in the paddock so that we still have a spare. It probably won't be perfect but hopefully we will not need it for anything more than back-up duties."

Alboreto and Berger are sixth and fourteenth on the grid "but I think we have the potential to qualify one car in the first four if everything goes well for us on Saturday", Piccinini says.



DIY Mansell: driver turned mechanic at Monte Carlo



Prost remains the favourite

Alain Prost, however, remains many people's tip for *another race victory.* If he succeeds, not only will four Monaco victories in a row be a record, but it will be his 28th win overall, beating the record he shares with Jackie Stewart.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers: 1, A Prost (Fr), 18pt; 2, S Johansson (Swe), 13; 3, N Mansell (GB), 10; equal 4, N Piquet (Fr) and A Senna (Br), 6; equal 6, M Alboreto (It) and A de Cesaris (It), 4; equal 8, G Berger (Austria), S Nakajima (Japan) and E Cheever (US), 3; equal 11, T Boutsen (Bel) and M Brundle (GB), 2; 13, R Arnoux (Fr), 1.

Constructors: 1, McLaren-TAG, 31pt; 2, Williams-Honda, 16; 3, Lotus-Honda, 9; 4, Ferrari, 7; 5, Brabham-BMW, 4; 6, Arrows-Megatron, 3; 7, Benetton-Ford and Zakspeed, 2; 9, Ligier-Megatron, 1. Jim Clark Cup: 1, P Streiff (Fr), 21; 2, P Alliot (Fr), 15; 3, P Fabre (Fr), 12; 4, J Palmer (GB), 9. Colin Chapman Cup: 1, Data General Team Tyrrell, 30; 2, Lola-LC, 15; 3, AGS, 12.

Catapulting to big time

Today's Monaco Formula Three event, traditionally a race in which success could catapult a driver straight into the grand *prix arena, has lost a degree of* credibility recently as some drivers have enjoyed a tyre advantage. However, with everyone using similar Michelins, this year's looks the most open *for some time.*

Johnny Herbert, of Britain, seeks victory to underline his successes so far in the Lucas British championship, knowing several Formula One team managers *will monitor his progress.* He has won four of the seven races and, though he retired at Thruxton last Monday, still leads the series by 18 points.

RACING

Fall In The Blues left with £4,000 walk-over

Fall In The Blues was left to walk over in the Ditch Fillies' Stakes at Newmarket yesterday following the late withdrawal of Lizzie Borden, who would have started a warm favourite.

Clive Brittain, who trains Lizzie Borden, was worried about saddling the Ray Richards-owned chestnut, because she had a sore back.

The walk-over was a mystery. The Ditch Stakes is a £4,000 sprint, and the ground at Newmarket yesterday, on the fast side of good, stands comparison with any course in the country just now.

"There were nine runners for the event last year, and we have 30 runners with some balloted out, in a two-year-old maiden auction plate, here tomorrow." Nick Lees, the clerk of the course, said.

Champion jockey Pat Eddery, who was due to partner Lizzie Borden, has picked up an extra Epsom mount. He will partner the smart German horse Acatenango in the £100,000 Hanson Trust Coronation Cup on Thursday.

Crafty Chris in command

Favourite backers got off to a flying start at Thirsk when 11-10 on chance Crafty Chris made all the running for a comfortable victory in the Station Road Maiden Stakes.

The Newmarket-trained colt, who had shown promise on his two previous runs at Windsor, had three lengths to spare over newcomer Rapid Chimes at the post.

Trainer Neville Callaghan, who was attending his local Newmarket meeting, has now sent out ten Flat winners this season, while successful jockey Terry Lucas was gaining his fifth victory this term.

Newmarket results

Going: good to firm

2.30 (5f) 1, FALL IN THE BLUES (M Roberts, Walked Over)

NR: Lizzie Borde, P Walwyn at Lambourn.

3.0 (1m) 1, ANONSO (T Quinn, 7-4 fav; The Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Jeff Harris (G Duffield, 10-1); 3, Doubly Great (A Clark, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Dot Glen, 13-2 Richemont, 8 Fiesta Moon (4th), 10 Shenley Romp, 12 Frank The Bank (5th), Girl In Green (6th), 20 Moulas, New Baby, Que Pasa, 33 Leg Glide, Miss Mikaela, Miss St-Paul, Neighnay, Peerglow, 17 ran. NR: Crown Justice. 4l, ½l, 2l, sh hd, 4l, P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.30: £1.10, £6.10, £10.50. DF: £33.00. CSF: £21.68. 1min 40.25sec. Bought in 11,500gns.

3.30 (7f) 1, BATH (G Carter, 11-2); 2, Start-Rite (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 3, Lashing (L Dettori, *11-4 fav*). *ALSO RAN: 7 Beech*wood Cottage, 9 Reindeer Walk, 10 Great Dilemma (5th), Irish Sailor, Sharp Times (4th), 14 Hopeful Katie, 25 Highland Image, 33 Sovereign Love (6th), 11 ran. nk, ¾l, ½l, 2l, 1½l, J Toller at Newmarket. Tote: £8.00: £2.30, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £22.10. CSF: £36.02. Tricast: £100.56. 1mm 25.95sec.

4.0 (6f) 1, CHAMONIS (G Starkey, 6-4 fav); 2, Pencil Sharpener (Pat Eddery 9-2); 3, Wantage Park (P Robinson, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Saffron Light (5th), 14 Marimba (6th), 16 Clear Her Stage (4th), 33 Surely Great, 7 ran, ½l, 4l, 1½l, 4l, hd, C Wall at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.93. 1mm 12.90sec.

4.30 (6f) 1, SANQUIRICO (S Cauthen, 8-15 fav; Mandarin's and Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Army Of Stars (Pat Eddery, 10-1); 3, Red Dollar (J Reid, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Give Me Jewels, 14 Zamzam, 20 Swing Lucky (5th), 25 Blushing Event, Go Forum (6th), 50 Senoy, Spirit Of Freedom, Stage Lark (4th), 11 ran. 2½l, sh hd, sh hd, 5l, ¾l, H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £5.40. CSF: £6.84. 1mm 14.70sec.

5.5 (1m 6f) 1, NEWSELLS PARK (Pat Eddery, 11-4 fav); 2, Chiclet (W Carson, 7-1). 3, Relatively Easy (G Duffield, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Conaige, 9-2 Appealana (4th), 7 Transcendence (6th), 15-2 Parson's Child (5th), 66 Dallona. 8 ran. NR Actmum sh hd, 6l, 4l, 2l, 3l, J Winter at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.20, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £5.70. CSF: £19.78. Tricast: £147.30. 3mn 03.14sec.

Jackpot: £81.75. Placepot: £2.30.

Thirsk

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f) 1, *CRAFTY CHRIS* (T Lucas, 10-11 fav); 2, Rapid Chimes (J Lowe, 8-1); 3, Marshalstonewood (D McKeown, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Lowe To Dance (6th), 5 Night Talk (5th), 7 L'Ecu (4th), 6 ran. 3l, 3l, 2½l, 2l, 4l, N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90, £1.20, £2.30. DF: £5.60. CSF: £9.12

2.45 (1m 4f) 1, CHABLISSE (D McKeown, 9-2); 2, Down Sky (J Bleasdale, 14-1); 3, Rivers Secret (M Fry, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Lucky Humbug (4th), 7 If You Please Parkers Joy (6th), 12 The Magus, 14 It's A Battle, 16 Ripster (5th), Today Eddy, Tonks, 20 Solent Flyer, 33 Tiber Gate, Quivering, Friends For Life. 15 ran. ½l, nk, 4l, ¾l, 6l, R Whittaker at Wetherby. Tote: £5.00; £1.50, £6.60, £1.50. DF: £26.70. CSF: £71.56. After stewards' inquiry, result stood. No bid.

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, DESERT OF WIND (S Perks, 12-1); 2, Comely Dancer (N Connorton, 11-4 fav); Four Star Thrust (D McKeown, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Nap Majestica, 5 Trepidder (4th), 11-2 Creasger (5th), 12 Layabella (6th), 7 ran. 2l, hd, ¾l, 1½l, 6l, R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £12.20, £3.30, £1.90. DF: £42.43.

3.45 (5f) 1, IRGAIM (R Hills, 3-1); 2, Cumbrian (M Birch, Evens fav); 3, Carroll Castle (R Cochrane, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 12 Paywashoor (5th), 20 After The Gloom (4th), 5 ran. 2½l, ½l, ½l, 12l, H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.20.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, ISLAND LAKE (W R Swinburn, 100-30); Fabrina (N Connorton, 9-2). 3, Glint Of Victory (M Hills, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Ourmetta (4th), 20 Mardi Gras Belle, 25 Dapping (6th), Faru Riva (5th), Fringe of Gold, Rock of Ages, 50 Almelikeh, El Zaana, Image of War, Polyfoto, 14 ran. 1l, 2½l, ½l, ½l, 3l, M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £10.30. CSF: 18.90

4.45 (5f) 1, RESTLESS RHAPSODY (M Hills, 16-1); 2, Mandrake Madam (R Cochrane, 15-2); 3, Beez Belle (M Birch, 3-1 fav); 4, Sally's Choice (W R Swinburn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Iberian Star (5th), 8 Grange Farm Lady, 12 China Gold, Linpac North Moor, Metroman (6th), 14 Harry Hull, Peter's Blue, Rambling River, 16 Bay Bazaar, Imperial Sunrise, Native Ruler, 20 Sharad, 50 Gutsy, 17 ran. NR: Domineering, Stanbo. 1l, sh hd, 1½l, nk, sh hd, W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £27.10; £5.50, £2.40, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £36.80. CSF: £138.88. Tricast: £437.17.

Placepot: £7.45.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Kings Stand Stakes, Royal Ascot: Rustic Amber. Hardwicke Stakes, Royal Ascot: Maiden Fair. All engagements (dead): Silly Boy, City And Suburban, Lancelot Tom, Sahara Melody, Identicar, Donegal Hope, Adrasia, Luteco, Double Discount.

GYMNASTICS

Britain return to basics

By Peter Aykroyd

Britain's national squads for men and women will begin immediate training at Lilleshall National Sports Centre in an attempt to rectify the collective weaknesses that became apparent during the European championships in Moscow. The aim for Britain's top gymnasts is to show significant improvement in time for the world championships in Rotterdam next October.

Eddie Van Hoof, the British men's coach, will concentrate efforts on refining the compulsory exercises of his 12-man squad. *He is seeking more* consistency among his leading gymnasts after injury and loss of form pulled the three members of the British team further down the individual ratings than expected.

Andrew Morris finished 21st, a position which, in Van Hoof's opinion, could have been undermarked. But Carl Beynon could not achieve more than 35th place after a disappointing horizontal bar exercise while James May sustained an ankle injury dismounting from the pommel horse which kept him in constant pain and restricted him to fiftieth position.

The British girls were more evenly spaced with Lisa Elliott 25th, Karen Hargate 28th, and Karen Kennedy 36th. Indeed, the team received many compliments from rival countries *for their improved standards.* But all three demonstrated a lack of confidence on the beam.

The Soviet Union, world leaders, are showing concern over the status of their women's *team after Daniela Silivas of* Romania deservedly defeated Yelena Shushunova, reigning European and joint world champion, for the overall gold medal. With further talent evident last *weekend the Romanians are* now posing a serious threat to Russian world supremacy for the first time since Nadia Comaneci, as European champion, led their team to global *victory eight years ago.*

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

6.0 Digamist. 6.30 Master Line. 7.0 Neshad. 7.30 Plantation. 8.0 At Risk. 8.30 All Is Revealed.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.00 Upwardly Mobile. 7.0 Neshad. 7.30 Plantation. 8.0 AT RISK (nap). 8.30 All Is Revealed.

Michael Seely's selection: 8.0 At Risk.

Going: good to firm Draw: high numbers best

6.0 EBF RIVERMEAD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,169: 5f) (8 runners)

1	0	BELVEDERE COURT 35 J Winter 9-0	R Hills 5
2		BRAVE CRUSADER M Haynes 9-0	P Cook 4
5	3	DIGAMIST 14 (BF) J Tree 9-0	Pat Eddery 6
9		IMPATIENT CHARLIE R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse 1
13		MOST RELIABLE G Lewis 9-0	T Ives
14		ON NOTICE W Hastings-Bass 9-0	Paul Eddery 8
22		UPWARDLY MOBILE D Morley 9-0	S Dawson 2
24		CARMEL'S CHANCE H Beasley 8-9	J Reid 3

6-4 Digamist, 4-1 Belvedere Court, 6-1 Brave Crusader, On Notice, 10-1 Impatient Charlie, Most Reliable.

6.30 GLEN INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP (£2,847: 1m 3f 30yd) (8

1	000-	SPUN GOLD 221 (F,G) P Cole 4-10-0	J Leech 5
3	0-10	RUNNING FLUSH 16 (V,C,F,G,S) P Howling 5-9-5	T Ives 7
7	0-00	FRAMLINGTON COURT 14 (G) P Walwyn 4-9-2	Pat Eddery 4
8	1000	BENISA RYDER 203 (G) C Horgan 4-9-0	P Cook 1
9	0-30	MASTER LINE 26 (G) H Candy 5-8-11	W Newnes
12	-002	SPRING FLIGHT 5 (C,BF,F,G) A Jarvis 4-8-8	S Cauthen 2
22	3000	ISOM DART 17 (F) T Hallett 8-7-7	S Dawson 8
25	400-	FIRST AVENUE 9 P Arthur 3-7-7	R Fox 6

11-4 Spun Gold, 3-1 Spring Flight, 11-2 Running Flush, 6-1 Framlington Court, Master Line, 10-1 Benisa Ryder.

7.0 HERON STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,765: 1m) (5)

4	0-02	BALI MAGIC 16 (F) G Wragg 8-11	Paul Eddery 5
5	00-1	FARFURR 18 (D,F) P Walwyn 8-11	S Cauthen 1
9	-040	HARD ACT 16 (F,B) R Hannon 8-11	Pat Eddery 4
12	1-1	NESHAD 36 (D,G) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn 3
15	1-	TRUE GENT 259 (F) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson 2

11-4 Neshad, 3-1 Bali Magic, 7-2 True Gent, 4-1 Hard Act, 5-1 Farfurr.

7.30 TONY STRATTON SMITH MEMORIAL STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,893: 6f) (11)

2	1	CHAIN SHOT 56 (S) N Vigors 9-3	W R Swinburn 3
4	1	PLANTATION 16 (G) M Stoute 9-3	T Ives 4
5	41	SHERJAN 18 (D,F) L Piggott 9-3	R Fox 10
7		ANTHONY PAUL M Haynes 8-11	R Cochrane 7
9		BUTLERS WHARF (B) D Morley 8-11	B Rouse 8
13		FETCHAM PARK D Morley 8-11	G Baxter 1
14		GAUTZIN C Brittain 8-11	S Cauthen 9
17		INTIMIDATE C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts 6
20	0	LOVE LEGEND 16 D Arbuthnot 8-11	Pat Eddery 7
23		ZELPHI J Tree 8-11	J Reid 11
24	43	SO IT GOES 26 (BF) D Laing 8-6	P Cook 6

15-8 Plantation, 4-1 Sherjan, 6-1 Chain Shot, So It Goes, Zelphi, 10-1 Immidate, 16-1 Butlers Wharf, 20-1 others.

8.0 VENUS FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,817: 1m) (7)

1	311-	AT RISK 225 (G) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen 3
2	100-	D'AZY 247 (F) D Laing 8-8	P Cook 7
4	20-0	GOLDEN BRAID 15 (F) I Balding 8-8	T Ives 2
5	312-	GOLD FEE 219 (F) L Cumani 8-8	R Cochrane 6
9	3-41	SHAIKIYA 22 (F) R Johnson Houghton 8-8	C Asmussen 2
10	11-1	TAHILLA 16 (D,F,G) J Tree 8-8	Pat Eddery 4
11	1	URJWAN 25 (D,F) H Thomson Jones 8-8	R Hills 5

9-4 Tahilla, 5-2 At Risk, 5-1 Gold Fee, 6-1 Shaikiya, 10-1 Golden Braid, 12-1 D'Azy, Urjwan.

8.30 H S PERSSE MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£2,595: 2m) (9)

2	-024	SHTAIFEH 255 (F) H Thomson Jones 4-8-10	R Hills 4
3	14-0	POKEY'S PRIDE 45 (F) R Sheather 4-9-9	A Shoults (3) 8
5	10-0	MIGHTY FLASH 16 (F,S) D Elsworth 4-9-5	S Cauthen 5
6	-430	ILE DE ROI 16 H Candy 4-9-5	W Newnes 3
7	-030	ZAUBARR 9 (D,F) H Beasley 4-8-12	J Reid 7
8	0120	FOURTH TUDOR 12 (B,BF,F,G) A Bailey 5-8-7	R Carter (5) 6
10	-013	SUGAR PALM 12 (B,D,F) R Holder 6-8-3	Paul Eddery 5
11	-013	ALL IS REVEALED 4 (V,BF,F,G) D Thom 5-8-2 (4ex)	M Roberts 9
12	20/0	INLANDER 217 R Akehurst 5-7-13	W Carson 2

11-4 All Is Revealed, 7-2 Sugar Palm, 11-2 Shtaifeh, 6-1 Fourth Tudor, Ile De Roi, 14-1 Mighty Flash, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 20 winners from 45 runners, 44.4%; J Tree, 9 from 36, 25.0%; M Stoute, 15 from 76, 19.7%; P Cole, 14 from 73, 17.9%; J Winter, 9 from 58, 15.5%; D Laing, 6 from 46, 13.0%.
JOCKEYS: S Cauthen, 34 winners from 152 rides, 22.4%; W R Swinburn, 19 from 89, 21.3%; T Ives, 11 from 64, 17.2%; G Baxter, 10 from 72, 13.9%; W Carson, 19 from 147, 13.0%; J Reid, 6 from 78, 7.7%.

HAMILTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

6.45 Lady Dawn. 7.15 Stevejan. 7.45 Lover's Secret. 8.15 Knowall. 8.45 Royal Illusion. 9.15 Floater.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.45 Beads. 7.15 Recollect. 7.45 Lover's Secret. 8.15 Know All. 9.15 Brave And Bold.

Going: firm Draw: middle to high best numbers

6.45 BELLSHILL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £959: 6f) (12 runners)

1	400	AFON-CRIGYLL 14 G Moore 8-11	C Coates 8
3	00	AUTOMART 5 W Bentley 8-11	R Guest 5
4	4000	AYABI MOU 14 J Payne 8-11	T Williams 2
5	022	BEADS 23 (BF) J Matthews 8-11	— 4
6		BRYDONNA C Tinkler 8-11	M Wood 6
8	00	EASTERN MELODY 11 E Alston 8-11	— 12
10	00	JUST MOVING 5 M McCormack 8-11	I Johnson 7
11		KINDEST TANG K Brassey 8-11	S Whitworth 1
12	04	LADY DAWN 19 M Usher 8-11	G Duffield 10
13	2	ONLY FOR EVE 28 S Norton 8-11	J Lowe 11
14	0	OUI MARIE48 J S Wilson 8-11	T Sprake 3
18	0	WEE AGNES 59 (BF) J S Wilson 8-11	— 9

5-2 Lady Dawn, 100-30 Beads, 11-2 *Only For Eve,* 7-1 *Kindest Tang, Brydonna, 10-1 others.*

7.15 CAMERONIANS HANDICAP (£1,748: 6f) (11)

3	-000	TANFEN 32 (CD,F,G,S) T Craig 8-9-7	— 3
4	0-32	SHARLIE'S WIMPY 220 (CD,BF) W Pearce 8-9-6	S Keightley 6
5	2-00	MISTER MARCH 7 (CD,F) R Hutchinson 4-9-3	Dale Gibson (7) 10
8	0-00	BANTEL BANZAI 15 (B,F) T Craig 4-8-12	S Webster 8
9	2200	RECOLLECT 7 J Payne 5-8-11	R Guest 5
10	030-	GALLERINO 253 (F,S) Denys Smith 4-8-11	M Fry 11
11	00-1	STEVEJAN 220 (CD,F) B Morgan 5-8-5	L Charnock 7
13	-100	RIVERSTYLE 24 (D,S) M Brittain 3-8-3	K Darley 4
15	2400	THE STAMP DEALER 23 E Alston 4-7-12	— 1
17	-000	OLYMPIC CHALLENGER 25 (B) J Berry 3-7-7	J Lowe 9
18	00-0	SEND IT DOWN 22 J Haldane 3-7-7	L Riggio (7) 2

3-1 Stevejan, 100-30 The Stamp Dealer, 7-2 Riverstyle, 6-1 Bantel Banzai, 8-1 Sharlie's Wimpy, 10-1 Recollect.

7.45 EARL OF ANGUS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,027: 5f) (6)

1	0	BALLYBELL 15 Miss M Bell 8-11	J Lowe 1
2		HABIOLA Mrs A Bell 8-11	H Ballantine 3
3	4	LOVER'S SECRET 15 P Haslam 8-11	T Williams 5
4	303	NO TOPS 15 J Berry 8-11	J Carroll (5) 4
6	0034	SILENT SURGE 15 M Brittain 8-11	K Darley 2
8	00	ANITA'S PET 12 (B) J S Wilson 8-6	T Sprake (7) 6

2-1 Lovers Secret, 11-4 Anita's Pet, 7-2 Silent Surge, No Tops, 20-1 Ballybell, 25-1 Habiola.

8.15 LORD LYNDOCH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 1m 40yd) (8)

2	44	BOMMING AROUND 17 J Hanson 9-0	J H Brown (3) 1
4	-000	BRADMAN 19 (B) M Tompkins 9-0	P Robinson 7
8	442	KNOW ALL 15 (BF) L Cumani 9-0	R Guest 8
15	0-3	ELSENHAM STAR 22 (B) P Kelleway 8-11	Gay Kelleway 4
17	0324	GUNNER'S ROW 10 G Moore 8-11	C Coates (5) 5
19	0-0	LADIZ 18 B Hanbury 8-11	G Duffield 3
20	0	MZURI SANA 28 I Matthews 8-11	C Dwyer 2
22	0-02	SUPERCUBE 7 M Brittain 8-11	— 6

6-4 Know All, 11-2 Bomming Around, 6-1 Gunners Row, 8-1 Supercube, Ladiz, 9-1 Mzuri Sana, 16-1 Elsenham Star.

8.45 SCOTTISH RIFLES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,811: 1m 3f) (7)

2	1011	ROYAL ILLUSION 7 (F,G) G Moore 9-10 (8ex)	C Coates (5) 2
3	0000	BE MY PROSPECT 29 Miss M Bell 9-7	J Lowe 3
5	2-00	OKOSAN 10 (V) W Pearce 9-6	— 7
6	3-01	TIKLAS 28 (F) N Tinkler 9-4	Kim Tinkler 1
7	0-02	SALLYS WON 21 J Edwards 8-12	G Duffield 6
13	-300	VISION OF WONDER 35 (G) M Usher 8-8	T Williams 5
14	0000	MINIZEN LAD 10 M Brittain 8-5	K Darley 4

9-4 Royal Illusion, 4-1 Tiklas, 5-1 Vision Of Wonder, 6-1 Okosan, 7-1 Minizen Lad, 10-1 Be My Prospect.

9.15 BLENHEIM HANDICAP (£1,385: 1m 5f) (10)

2	-001	AL SHAMIKH 12 (F) W Elsey 4-10-0 (7ex)	N Connorton 5
3	0013	COMMON FARM 7 (C,F,S) M Brittain 4-9-9 (4ex)	P Robinson 4
6	1-	LOVE YOU ROSY 235 (F) Mrs G Reveley 4-9-5	— 9
8	0432	FLOATER 8 (F) P Monsiah 4-8-12	M Wood 2
10	-000	BRAVE AND BOLD 7 (B,F,G) N Callaghan 4-8-6	G Duffield 10
12	20-0	PINK SENSATION 32 Mrs G Reveley 4-8-5	T Williams 1
13	/004	GLENMORE 19 R Hutchinson 5-8-1	— 6
15	0031	KELSEY LADY 15 (F) J Haldane 5-7-10 (4ex)	Dale Gibson (7) 8
19	00-	STRATHCONON 286 (F) T Craig 6-7-7	M Fry 5
20	000-	TINAS LAD 258 J Edwards 4-7-7	L Charnock 7

100-30 Kelsey Lady, 7-2 common Farm, 9-2 Al Shamikh, 6-1 Floater, 7-1 Pink Sensation, Glenmore, 12-1 Love, You Rosy.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: P Haslam, 15 winners from 74 runners, 20.3%; N Callaghan, 11 from 55, 20.0%; Mrs G Reveley, 9 from 45, 20.0%; B Hanbury, 11 from 57, 19.3%; S Norton, 21 from 149, 14.1%; J Berry, 23 from 179, 12.8%.
JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 45 winners from 250 rides, 18.0%; J Lowe, 34 from 264, 12.9%; L Charnock, 17 from 161, 10.6%. (Only qualifiers).

MARKET RASEN

Selections

By Mandarin

6.30 Miss Tacipuss. 7.0 Newlife Connection. 7.30 Kelly's Inn. 8.0 Wages Of Sin. 8.30 High Imp. 9.0 Icaro.

Going: good to firm

6.30 OTLEY SELLING HURDLE (£695: 2m) (11 runners)

1	0000	COCKALORUM 5 (G) K Morgan 5-11-5	M Brennan 6
4	4042	FRIENDLY BEE 7 (D,S) B Richmond 5-11-0	— 8
6	2600	LAWLEY 14 B Preece 5-11-0	NON—RUNNER
7	1-0	MISS TACIPUSS 264 (D,G) J Jenkins 5-11-0	S Sherwood 10
8	4022	MR PANACHE 3 M Chapman 5-11-0	S Mitchell (7) 11
10	1000	WELSH CROWN 44 (F) R Woodhouse 4-11-0	S Woods (7) 1
11	0040	DEARHAM BRIDGE 7 (B) D Moffatt 4-10-9	— 5
15	0000	KALIMPONG 22 (V) P Butler 5-10-9	K Traylor (7) 9
17	00	TOWER WATCH 33 H Fleming 4-10-6	— 12
18	200	FANDANGO KISS 155 T Kersey 4-10-9	Susan Kersey (7) 2
19	0F	FINANCIAL WIZARD 17 K Bridgwater 4-10-4	G Landau 3

2-1 Friendly Bee, 11-4 Miss Tacipuss, 4-1 Welsh Crown, 13-2 Mr Panache, 10-1 others.

7.0 PETER NEWELL HANDICAP MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,621: 3m) (4)

1	0P11	DURHAM EDITION 5 (C,D,F,S) W A Stephenson 9-12-2	(5ex)R Lamb 3
2	2132	NEWLIFE CONNECTION 24 (BF,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 9-12-0A Merrigan (7) 2	
5	1121	SHEPHERD'S HYMN 5 (CD,F,G,S) P Blockley	P Caldwell (3) 4
10	3440	SKEGBY 14 (CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 13-10-0	M Brennan 1

13-8 Durham Edition, 9-4 Newlife Connection, 4-1 Shepherd's Hymn, 5-1 Skegby.

7.30 EBF HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,071: 2m 4f) (7)

2	0480	DOVER 22 (C,F,G,S) H Fleming 7-11-8	— 3
4	03-P	SHELMORE BOY 23 (D,S) R Champion 7-10-12	R Rowe 5
6	1344	KELLY'S INN 3 (S) D Moffatt 7-10-7	Amanda Glendining (7) 7
7	00P4	HOP PICKER 8 (V,F) K Morgan 4-10-4	Dale McKeown (4) 6
8	0213	SAMONIA 5 (F) T Cunningham 7-10-4	T P White (7) 4
10	-020	MAID OF STEEL 8 (G) A Brisbourne 9-10-0	M Brisbourne 8
11	002F	VULNERABLE 7 M Chapman 6-10-0	S Mitchell (7) 9

9-4 Samonia, 5-2 Kelly's Inn, 7-2 Hop Picker, 6-1 Maid Of Steel, 12-1 others.

8.0 YORKSHIRE RACING CLUB NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,971: 2m 5f) (11)

4	PP29	OUR GRACIE 16 (BF) T Bulgin 8-11-7	B de Haan 5
5	P04P	GIOLMING 28 (V) K Morgan 7-11-5	G Landau 6
6	0UP8	SUDBROOKE PARK 12 (S) B Richmond 9-11-0	— 7
7	P13U	SQUARE-RIGGED 3 (F,G) P Butler 10-11-0	K Traylor (7) 9
9	4FP1	WAGES OF SIN 5 (F) J Thorpe 8-10-8 (10ex)	— 1
10	6P08	PRYDEL 6 (B) R Champion 9-10-7	R Rowe 10
13	/0-3	BELGROVE BAY 10 G Moore 7-10-0	P Tock 11
16	00F0	DIZZY DORA 3 Miss Z Green 7-10-0	— 2
17	0P/0	ARMY COUNCIL 40 40 R Champion 8-10-0	NON—RUNNER
19	PPUP	CHEEKY ROBIN 14 A Potts 8-10-0	— 4
20	0000	GENERAL BILLY 53 (G) M Johnston 9-10-0	A J Quinn (7) 3

3-1 Square Rigged, 7-2 Wages Of Sin, 4-1 Prydel, 13-2 Melrose Bay, 8-1 Sudbrooke Park, 12-1 Giolming, 16-1 others.

8.30 FINAL FLING NOVICE CHASE (£1,225: 2m) (11)

1	2U/0	ARDENT WARRIOR 5 (B,F) A Jones 8-11-9	M Brennan 8
3	P000	GOLDORA 7 (F,G,S) P Upson 12-11-9	J Akehurst 9
5	0P/0	ARMY COUNCIL R Champion 8-11-4	R Rowe 7
7	0-02	HIGH IMP 11 S Chrisfan 7-11-4	Mr T Thomson Jones (5) 1
8	PP0F	MERE MAGIC 7 Mrs S Austin 8-11-4	— 6
9	0U24	MOONLIGHTING 5 (BF,F) J Park

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RACING

Half A Year to confirm his early promise

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Following that most encouraging win at Newmarket at the end of last month Half A Year is now napped to win the Holsten Export Lager Stakes on the same course today.

Luca Cumani, his trainer, regards this seven-furlong condition race as the ideal stepping stone to to Royal Ascot and a crack at either the Jersey Stakes, over this same distance, or the slightly longer St James's Palace Stakes.

When he won his only race so far, over the Rowley mile, Half A Year had the subsequent Mecca-Dante Stakes runner-up Ascot Knight 1½ lengths behind in second place.

I am not perturbed by the fact that he is tackling a shorter distance now because he showed such an excellent turn of foot that day to take complete command long before the end.

In the meantime, his pace work on Newmarket Heath has sparkled according to my reports.

Linda's Magic, who was deemed good enough to take her chance in the 1,000 Guineas after running well in the Free Handicap and the Chester winner On Tap are the pick of his opposition this time.

Holsten has also sponsored two other races at Newmarket this afternoon but in contrast they look much more open.

My best information for the Diat Pils Maiden Stakes concerns Bay Window, Sher Shah, Bashayer, Qannaas and Nilojen in that order.

Caught only on the line by Polish Count at Kempton Park last time, Bay Wisdow can go one better now at the expense of Sher Shah.

Twelve months ago, John Sutcliffe saddled Aventino to win the Richard Marsh Handicap. That was the first of five races won by that progressive colt.



Sutcliffe, who runs In Fat City (4.40) at Newmarket

Now I have a feeling that the astute Epsom trainer will not be wide of the mark with In Fat City, who looks the type to improve the same way.

At Lingfield Park, I give Tanouma a good chance of winning the Tote Leisure Stakes even though she has not run this season.

Prescription, who was beaten by the subsequent Goodwood and Sandown winners Gold Minories and Cape Wild on his last visit to Lingfield before romping away with his next race at Pontifract, may prove too much of a handful for his older and more experienced rivals in the Barlo Heating Products Handicap.

Most of our leading jockeys will make Kempton Park their port of call this evening. There I believe Walter Swinburn can finish with a flourish by landing a double on Neshad (7.0) and Plantation (7.30).

At Risk, another of Henry Cecil's seemingly endless number of good three-year-old fillies, is taken to begin her season well by capturing the Venus Fillies' Stakes.

POINT-TO-POINT

Winning chance for Three Counties

By Brian Beel

With the overnight withdrawal of both Border Burg and Risk A Bet, the *Horse and Hound* Cup at Stratford this afternoon looks certain to be dominated by women riders.

The performance of Audi winner, Mister Bosun, who will again be ridden by Jennifer Liston, cannot be faulted and Majetta Crescent, who was unbeaten this season for Carol Lee until chasing Sweet Diana home at Chepstow in the RMC last Monday, carries the hopes for a Welsh success.

However, these two may have to be content with racing for the minor places as Three Counties and Flying Ace look to be the main contenders.

Flying Ace will be having his third race in 11 days but this is the sort of routine on which he thrives. He won this race two years ago for Doreen Calder and the partnership will be going for their 43rd success.

Nevertheless, my selection must be the professionally-trained THREE COUNTIES, who ran so well behind Observe in the Foxhunters at Cheltenham.

He has had only one race since then, winning a point-to-point unchallenged to qualify for the RMC final at Chepstow from which he withdrew in favour of this engagement.

His regular partner, Katie Rimell, has made a rapid recovery from a recent appendix operation and will again be in the saddle.

The point-to-point season is coming to an end but entries are huge at both today's meetings, the Llangibby and the Exmoor. Philip Mathias, who rode *The Times* championship winner, Sea Express, looks to be the jockey to follow at the Welsh meeting.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Exmoor, Bratton Down, 9 miles north east Barnstaple off B3226 (2.30 first race). Llangibby, Howick, 2 miles west of Chepstow off B4235(2.00).

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 4.10 ⊟ Zeta. 4.40 Bell Wether. 5.10 Macho Man. LINGFIELD: 2.0 Tebitto. KEMPTON: 7.30 Butters Wharf. HAMILTON: 7.15 Olympic Challenger. 7.45 Ankas Pet. 8.15 Bradman, Elsenham Star. THIRSK: 2.15 Halvoya. 4.15 Neon. 4.45 Jay Gee Ell, Song N' Jest.

NEWMARKET

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Kalia Crest.	2.00 Dragon's Blood.
2.30 Knocksharry.	2.30 Musical Rhapsody.
3.05 Bay Window.	3.05 Bashayer.
3.40 Pick Of The Pack.	3.40 Stay Low.
4.10 HALF A YEAR (nap).	4.10 Half A Year.
4.40 In Fat City.	4.40 Bath.
5.10 Stated Case.	5.10 Boogie Beat.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.10 Half A Year.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 HALF A YEAR.

Going: good to firm **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 MATTHEW DAWSON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,301: 1m 6f) (8 runners)

103	(4)	00-00	BAMAR LAD 12 (D Elsworth) M Bolton 9-0	J Matthias	87
104	(3)	03	CAETANI 26 (C St George) W Jarvis 9-0	W R Swinburn	97
105	(1)	2-4	DRAGON'S BLOOD 28 (S Niarchos) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	98
106	(7)	42-023	ESKIMO MITE 11 BF (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	85
108	(10)	0-00	GRAPE 21 (Lord R Russell) M McCormack 9-0	B Raymond	—
109	(5)	0	KALIA CREST 14 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery	⊕ 99
110	(9)	03-0	ORIENTAL PLUME 11 (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	83
111	(2)	00-00	RUNNING STEPS 26 (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	Paul Eddery	74
112	(6)	3	SHIMSHEK 46 (K Al-Said) J Hindley 9-0	M Hills	84
114	(8)	2	NEARLYWED 11 (Kindehill Corporation) B Hanbury 8-11	R Cochrane	96

BETTING: 100-30 Dragon's Blood, 7-2 Kalia Crest, 4-1 Caetani, Nearlywed, 8-1 Eskimo Mite, Shimshek, 14-1 Running Steps, 20-1 others.

1986: ACTARUS 9-0 T Quinn (3-1) P Cole 7 ran

2.30 GINISTRELLI SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,856: 7f) (18 runners)

201	(18)	000-00	KUWZAR 15 (N O'Shea) F Durr 9-7	Pat Eddery	—
202	(8)	0003-00	LOMA BREEZE 32 (Rolovale Ltd) P Kelleway 9-4	S Cauthen	88
203	(9)	006-330	BARNBY DON 7 (M Leach) M Leach 9-4	N Leach (7)	89
204	(2)	0-040	DOUBLE GIFT 12 (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) K Ivory 9-0	G Baxter	90
205	(7)	310000-	BRODYS ADDITION 280 (S) (W Brown) K Stone 9-0	—	94
207	(16)	2-4012	KNOCKSHARRY 8 (F) (P Wiley) R Hollinshead 8-11 (Sex)	P Hill (7)	96
209	(6)	0220-00	MASCALLS DREAM 12 (Mascalls Stud Farm Ltd) P Makin 8-9	T Quinn	97
210	(5)	00440-0	MUSICAL RHAPSODY 22 (A Goddard) G Prichard-Gordon 8-9	G Carter	⊕ 99
212	(12)	003-00	RAJIV'S DEBT 12 (B) (A Aston) Miss L Bower 8-8	J Williams	90
213	(4)	0400-03	MAYSPARK 14 (P Doherty) W Haigh 8-8	R Cochrane	86
214	(17)	10-3000	WHITE OF MORN 14 (V,F) (P Durkan) M McCormack 8-8	S Horsfall (5)	98
216	(10)	00000-4	DANSE ARABE 3 (Mrs D Brazier) A Jarvis 8-8	NON-RUNNER	—
217	(11)	00000-	OCEAN HOUND 228 (Nelson Wide Racing Co Ltd) R Stubbs 8-6	D Nicholls	—
218	(15)	000-000	BLOFFA 12 (B) (P Dimmock) P Cundell 8-6	N Adams	96
219	(14)	2400-00	CIREN JESTER 7 (Mrs S Fellowes) W Musson 8-5	M Wigham	88
220	(3)	3-00	MENZIES FLYER 17 (B) (Mrs M Finnie) M Tompkins 7-12	R Fox	—
221	(1)	4000-00	MUSICAL CHORUS 4 (B) (G Blum) G Blum 7-11	B Crossley	95
222	(13)	0000-00	SCARNING SHADYLADY 50 (R Skeggs) K Ivory 7-7	A Proud	—

BETTING: 9-2 Barnby Don, 5-1 Mayspark, 11-2 Knocksharry, 6-1 Musical Rhapsody, Rajiv's Debt, 8-1 Menzies Flyer, 10-1 Ciren Jester, Double Gift, 12-1 others.

1986: SHARP TIMES 8-9 M Wigham (9-2) W Musson 16 ran

3.5 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,835: 1m) (30 runners) C 3

301	(6)		AGAIN AND AGAIN (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
302	(30)		ASTRONAUT PRINCE (Prince Ahmed Salman) H Cecil 9-0	—	—
303	(24)	22-	BASHAYER 224 (Miss H Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	95
304	(29)	3-22	BAY WINDOW 25 (Lord Derby) J Winter 9-0	Pat Eddery	⊕ 99
305	(12)	00-	BLICO 253 (N Cabburn) D Thom 9-0	NON-RUNNER	—
306	(7)		BRYMAC (T Nash) P Walwyn 9-0	A Clark	—
307	(18)	44	CHESAPEAKE CITY 24 (Mrs R Sangster) J Hindley 9-0	M Hills	89
308	(13)	0	CHIMES OF THE DAWN 44 (C Cyzer) M Usher 9-0	M Mitham	—
313	(26)	0	GLENGAR 13 (Markstrike) W Musson 9-0	M Wigham	—
315	(15)	0-	HELLO TROUBLE 287 (R Shannon) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	—
316	(17)		IKHTIBAR (Hamdan Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	—
319	(2)	0-	KHATTAF 207 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0	R Fox	—
321	(11)	00	MAGIC SPUR 4 (G Edens) A Hide 9-0	W Woods	—
322	(14)	0-	MAHAFEL 316 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	T Quinn	—
323	(1)	00-	MIGHTY GLOW 231 (Prince Ahmed Salman) M Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	82
324	(9)	0-0	MOMENT OF TRUTH 30 (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-0	G Carter	—
325	(25)		MR PINTIPS (Lord Halifax) W Hastings-Bass 9-0	R Lines (3)	—
326	(23)	40-0	NILOJEN 15 (J Duffel) G Hufter 9-0	M Lynch (5)	71
327	(10)		PARC DES PRINCES (Mrs R Sangster) A Stewart 9-0	M Banker	—
329	(19)	2-3	QANNAAS 25 (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	97
330	(28)	3-0	ROYAL PAGEANT 25 (A Mutawa) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	89
331	(26)	0-2	SHER SHAH 36 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	86
332	(22)		SNAAFI KRIS (J Abdullah) B Hanbury 9-0	A Gasson (5)	—
333	(18)	0	SOMEBODY 12 (Lord Tavistock) C Britain 9-0	G Baxter	—
334	(3)	000-	UP THE LADDER 249 (T Ramsden) A Bailey 9-0	P Bloomfield	70
337	(9)	0-	BRARENA 210 (F Crouch) R Armstrong 8-11	P Struthers (7)	—
341	(27)		LAS BELA (S Manana) M Stoute 8-11	A Kimberley	—
345	(21)	20-	RARELY WISH 325 (T Ramsden) M Ryan 8-11	G Bardwell (5)	94
346	(4)		RALLY DEAR (E Seltzer) G Dodds 8-11	R Machado	—
348	(5)		TAYSHA (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-11	J Matthias	—

BETTING: 11-4 Bashayer, 3-1 Bay Window, 5-1 Sher Sha, 6-1 Qannaas, 8-1 Royal Pageant, 10-1 Really Dear , 12-1 Hello Trouble, Las Bela, 14-1 others.

1986: FARAJULLAH 9-0 M Miller (11-4 fav) G Hufter 29 ran

FORM BASHAYER ran a close 2nd on two starts here last October, latest going down by a head (8-11) to Scarlet Blade (8-11) (7f, £8974, good, Oct 18, 12 ran).
BAY WINDOW (8-9) was beaten a short head by Polish Count (9-0) in a good Kempton maiden (1m, £4303, firm, May 5, 22 ran).
QANNAAS (9-0), who led until halfway, kept on well to finish further 1l back in 3rd, while ROYAL PAGEANT (9-0) was closest at the finish in 5th, another 5½l away.
SHER SHAH (9-0) was beaten 2½l by last week's big handicap winner Mohamed Abdu (9-0) in a Beveley maiden (1m 100y, £1341, good to firm, Apr 24, 18 ran).
Selection: BAY WINDOW

3.40 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £16,388: 6f) (15 runners) C 3

401	(1)	63330-3	WHIPPET 9 (G) (A Richards) C Britain 9-7	S Cauthen	85
403	(5)	11110-2	MUKHABBR 29 (CD,F,G) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) C Benstead 9-1	R Cochrane	98
404	(15)	1000-0	MACROBIAN 16 (B,D,F) (Miss E Macgregor) J Shaw 8-12	Paul Eddery	87
406	(5)	43-10	CANAMGO 16 (D,BF,G) (Mrs A Pleach) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	87
407	(4)	013-31	PAPARELLI 16 (D,F,G) (C Webster) T Barron 8-11 (7ex)	D Nicholls	⊕ 99
408	(8)	21414-1	SHADES OF NIGHT 35 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs S Crowe) A Ingham 8-7	Pat Eddery	98
409	(7)	1200-14	QUICK SNAP 16 (B,D,BF,F,G) (Mrs S Crowe) A Ingham 8-7	R Cochrane	93
410	(10)	000-1	PICK OF THE PACK 29 (C,G) (Lord McAlpine) J Hindley 8-5	M Hills	93
411	(12)	012-	EL REY 203 (D,S) (Sir G Newman) W Hastings-Bass 8-4	R Lines (3)	91
412	(9)	30-101	BEL BYOU 12 (D,G) (F Salman) P Vole 8-4 (Sex)	T Quinn	97
413	(2)	30-1	MOORESTYLE GIRL 39 (G) (D Moore) L Piggott 8-0	B Crossley	89
416	(6)	1340	JONDEBE BOY 16 (D,G) (J Burgess) G Moore 7-13	R Fox	82
417	(11)	1403-30	STAY LOW 30 (B,D,F,G) (G Blum) G Blum 7-13	G Carter	82
418	(13)	2-10017	ONE LINER 9 (D,F,G,S) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 7-13 (7ex)	W Carson	89
420	(14)	02-00	FRENCH KING 3 (B) (S Eames) R Casey 7-7	N Adams	84

BETTING: 9-2 One Liner, 11-2 Stay Low, 6-1 Pick of The Pack, 13-2 Shades Of Night, 8-1 Mukhabbr, Quick Snap, Whippet, 10-1 Bel Byou, Paparelli, 14-1 others.

1986: LATCH STRING 7-10 B Crossley (5-1) L Piggott 14 ran

FORM Prolific winner MUKHABBR (8-9) beat Supreme Rose (7-12) an easy 2 over course and distance last time (£5472, good to firm, May 1, 12 ran) and keeps on improving.
PAPARELLI (8-9) showed best form at York (6f, £4136, good to firm, May 14, 16 ran) last time when a 1½ winner from Silver Haze (7-11) with disappointing favourite CANAMGO (8-2) well beaten.
Earlier, CANAMGO (9-0) beat Picnicing (8-11) 1½l in a Nottingham maiden (6f, £1333, good, Apr 20, 13 ran).
SHADES OF NIGHT (8-7) showed a good turn of foot to beat Fourwalk (9-11) ¾l at Sandown (5f, £4071, good to firm, Apr 25, 12 ran).
PICK OF THE PACK (7-7) put up a brave front running display when a neck winner from Loud Appeal (7-12) here at the Guineas meeting (7f, £9677, good, 8 ran).
BEL BYOU has won both his races this season with some cut in the ground most recently (9-7) a 2l winner from Copper Creek (5-7) at Windsor (6f, £3313, good to soft, May 18, 24 ran).
ONE LINER (8-1) ran out a clever neck winner from Su-Solyan (10-3) at Goodwood last time (6f, £4013, good to firm, May 21, 7 ran).
Selection: ONE LINER

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-8432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-Course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 HOLSTEN EXPORT LAGER STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,882: 7f) (6 runners) C 4

503	(2)	1310-00	LINDA'S MAGIC 30 (F) (J Bray) R Armstrong 9-1	S Cauthen	94
504	(3)	1	HALF A YEAR 30 (C,D) (J Mabee) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	⊕ 99
505	(4)	2112-41	ON TAP 24 (D,F) (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 9-0	W Carson	88
508	(1)	040-00	EL ZETA 5 (B) (Rolovale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-10	W R Swinburn	70
511	(5)	220-030	WENSLEYDALEWARRIOR 21 (F,S) (C Woods) G Moore 8-10	T Quinn	87
512	(6)	204-02	WILLIESWRIGHTONCUE 29 (J Wright) H Guffer 8-10	G Carter	80

BETTING: 4-5 Half A Year, 5-2 On Tap, 8-1 Linda's Magic, Williswrightoncue, 14-1 Wensleydalewarrior, 16-1 El Zeta.

1986: No Corresponding Race

FORM LINDA'S MAGIC faded over a mile in the 1,000 Guineas and better judged (9-1) on a 4¾l 5th to Noble Minstrel (9-7) over course and distance in the Free Handicap (£22338, good, Apr 15, 11 ran).
HALF A YEAR (9-0) beat subsequent Mecca-Dante runner-up Ascot Knight (9-0) 1½l on debut here (1m, £4898, good, Apr 30, 18 ran) and is an exciting prospect.
ON TAP won at Chester last time, but showed better form as a juvenile when (8-11) 2½l 2nd to Midyan (8-11) in a Listed event at York (6f, £7765, good to firm, Oct 11, 7 ran).
Selection: HALF A YEAR

4.40 RICHARD MARSH HANDICAP (£3,045: 1m) (22 runners) C 4

601	(16)	00000-1	ALGIRM 24 (D,F,S) (R Miquel) C Benstead 5-9-12	W R Swinburn	95
602	(4)	02712-0	WHIRLING WORDS 24 (D,F) (Mrs R Fitch) P Makin 4-9-10	T Quinn	88
603	(18)	3014-32	BILLY'S DANCER 38 (S) (F Phoenix) D Dale 4-9-9	A Hutchings (7)	91
604	(22)	000	JAGAN SONRONG 33 (T Cresh) R Hutchinson 4-8-8	R McGhin	80
605	(11)	30-0233	MAYOR 5 (F,S) (A Snips) M Leach 4-9-5	N Leach (7)	89
609	(6)	0400/0-0	TANAS DAD 15 (P O'Donnell) K Ivory 4-8-8	A Proud	—
610	(7)	04210-0	BATH 15 (D,G,S) (Lady Aitken) J Toller 4-8-3 (Sex)	NON-RUNNER	—
611	(10)	00-0000	FINAL SELECTION 5 (V) (N Gabbum) D Thom 4-9-2	M Roberts	87
612	(1)	0-42000	MOORES METAL 8 (D,G) (Moores) R Hollinshead 7-8-9	S Perks	93
615	(20)	0300/00	PRAIRIE SCHOONER 5 (Mrs D Sieff) J Winter 4-8-8	B Raymond	—
616	(5)	00-0230	BELL WETHER 11 (B) (R Norton) A Jarvis 4-8-9	D Nicholls	92
620	(17)	400-000	FOUR LAFFS 31 (S) (C Coupland) H Whiting 3-8-5	S Quinn (7)	95
622	(2)	3430-00	GOOD BUY BAILEY'S 16 (S) (G R Bailey Ltd) G Blum 3-8-5	M Rimmer	92
623	(9)	042-0	IN FAT CITY 42 (H Lebovitz) J Sutcliffe 3-8-4	M Hills	⊕ 99
624	(3)	210000-	COUNT BERTRAND 247 (D,F) (Serological Ltd) W Holden 6-8-3	Dale (5)	87
625	(14)	00-0040	QUALITAIRESS 7 (V,D,G,S) (P Bottomley) K Stone 5-8-2	S Perks (7)	86
627	(12)	00U-000	VERBARIUM 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 7-8-0	Hodgson	80
628	(21)	000-03	FAIRTOWN 12 (BF) (Mrs P Morris) A Hide 3-7-7	Quinn (5)	89
630	(15)	000000/0-	KALA PANI 306 (S Uden) S Dow 5-7-7	—	15
631	(19)	00-0004	CHEERFUL TIMES 5 (M Sturgess) K Ivory 5-7-7	—	89
632	(13)	00300-0	TINA'S BEAUTY 12 (Mrs B Blum) G Blum 3-7-7	—	90
633	(8)	0000-00	SWEET ANDY 25 (D,F) (Miss M Hendricks) G Gracey 5-7-7	—	80

BETTING: 5-1 Fairtown, 11-2 Mayor, 6-1 In Fat City, 13-2 Algirm, 8-1 Cheerful Times, 10-1 Billy's Dancer, Tanas Dad, 12-1 Good Buy Baileys, 14-1 others.

1986: AVENTINO 3-7-9 B Crossley (8-1) J Sutcliffe 19 ran

FORM ALGIRM (8-11) showed a good turn of foot off a fast pace to beat Gliderdale (9-7) a length on reappearance at Salisbury (1m, £2956, firm, May 6, 15 ran), with WHIRLING WORDS (8-13) over 13l 12th.
WHIRLING WORDS is better judged on last season's (8-10) easy 3l beating of Hansoul (9-0) at Doncaster (1m, £2719, firm, Jun 28, 17 ran).
BILLY'S DANCER (9-7) ¼l 2nd to Tom Forrester (8-11) at Pontefract (1m, £2246, good, Apr 22, 22 ran) with QUALITAIRESS (9-2) 3l 4th, VERBARIUM (8-4) about ½l 6th and CHEERFUL TIMES (7-6) 8th.
MOORES METAL, an in-and-out performer, is a handy mark if showing best, last time (7-7) finished creditable 5l 5th to Al Bashasma (9-10) at Haydock (7f 40y, £5143, good, May 22, 13 ran).
IN FAT CITY, in need of race and made no show on reappearance, last season (8-11) finished ½l 2nd to Spitzabit (8-11) at Folkestone (6f, Claim, £959, good, Nov 3, 20 ran).
Selection: MOORES METAL

5.10 FELIX LEACH MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,156: 6f) (30 runners)

1	(11)	0	ALVIN YORK 7 (P Richards) N Callaghan 9-4	—	—
2	(14)	0	ESPRIT DE FEU 18 (Miss L Morgan) M McCormack 9-4	S Horsfall (5)	—
4	(30)		AFRICAN AFFAIR (Mrs J Trotter) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	—
5	(18)	0	BOOGIE BEAT 12 (A Richards) C Britain 9-0	S Cauthen	82
6	(2)	3	KAFU WARRIOR 16 (E Hutchison) C Tinkler 9-0	J Matthias	94
7	(16)	022	PERSIAN EMPEROR 26 (Mrs C Painting) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	92
8	(12)	0	LORD'S WOOD 21 (Sir G Newman) W Hastings-Bass 8-13	R Lines (3)	91
10	(15)		MACHO MAN (B) (C Ford) B Hanbury 8-13	B Raymond	—
11	(19)		OLD DUTCH HOLBORN (Somerdayne Ltd) M Smyly 8-13	M Wigham	—
12	(22)		ALI BON (P Rami) L Cumani 8-12	R Cochrane	—
16	(13)		MY OBJECTIVE (F Baker) L Piggott 8-11	B Crossley	—
17	(27)		WELLOW WINE (S Squires) M Tompkins 8-11	—	—
18	(1)		TAKE ISSUE (R Surridge) J Sutcliffe 8-10	M Hills	—
20	(7)		JADE STAR (B Pollitt) G Prichard-Gordon 8-9	G Carter	—
21	(28)		KAPOOKA (Mrs G Pearson) M Smyly 8-9	A Clark	—
22	(29)		ROYAL ACCLAIM (Mrs B Wildinson) A Hide 8-8	P Bradley (7)	—
23	(21)		UNCLE BUCKY (Lord Darling) C Britain 8-8	P Tasker (7)	—
25	(6)		BARFORD LADY (Mrs C Handscombe) G Hufter 8-7	NON-RUNNER	—
29	(25)		ARM OF THE LAW (A Wildinson) A Jarvis 8-6	D Nicholls	—
30	(26)	0	BENBERN 61 (B Dickson) Pat Mitchell 8-6	W Woods	—
31	(5)	04	BYWELL LAD 14 (Mrs I Evans) E Carter 8-6	—	81
34	(8)	0	STATED CASE 17 (P Muldoon) M H Easterby 8-6	J Bleasdale	⊕ 99
35	(17)	0	UNDERCOVER HERO 35 (Mrs A Asgcroft) G Moore 8-6	T Quinn	83
39	(24)	30	PRINCESS DISDAINER 14 (Havanwood Con's Ltd) K Stone 8-5	—	83
43	(4)		SPRINGHOUSEDRESSES (Spring House Dresses) G Blum 8-4	P Bloomfield	—
44	(9)	2	JUST PRECIOUS 26 (P Venner) G Blum 8-3	M Rimmer	88
45	(23)		TENDER FLIGHT (T Cheatt) R Hutchinson 8-3	—	—
46	(10)	040	ENCHANTING POL 15 (P Dimmock) P Cundell 8-1	N Adams	85
47	(20)		FANTASQUE (T Minahan) Pat Mitchell 8-1	J Quinn (5)	—
48	(3)	0	SNOW RHAPSODY 26 (Mrs G Boss) R Boss 8-1	R Morse (5)	—

BETTING: 7-2 Au Bon, 9-2 Stated Case, 5-1 Just Precious, Kafu Warrior, 8-1 Macho Man, 8-1 African Affair, My Objective, 10-1 Boogie Beat, 12-1 others.

1986: MANSOOJ 8-11 Pat Eddery (8-15 fav) N Callaghan 5 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	78	327	23.9
M Stoute	50	318	15.8
L Cumani	32	253	12.6
J Hindley	25	257	9.7
H Thomson Jones	15	158	9.5
G Wragg	23	244	9.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Cauthen	80	530	15.1
Pat Eddery	62	450	13.8
W R Swinburn	48	351	13.7
W Carson	56	464	12.1

Only qualifiers

Decision time for Persifleur

Leading French trainer Patrick-Louis Biancone will give his Derby hope Persifleur a final gallop at his Lamoriaye stable this morning before making a decision about the colt's participation at Epsom. The Corsican-born trainer said: "It's not a case of not wanting to come. I just want everything to be perfect." If Persifleur runs, he will carry the colours of Daniel Wildenstein who is no stranger to English classic success. In 1976, he picked up three of the five classics, the 1,000 Guineas, Oaks and St Leger, with three different horses, but has yet to win a Derby.

Phardante raids Baden-Baden

Phardante (Tony Clark) attempts to give weight away to seven opponents in the Grosser Preis der Badischen-Wirtschaft tomorrow at Baden-Baden. The dual Jockey Club Stakes winner may have most to fear from the Norwegian-trained Saud Ship and Vif-Argent, the mount of Philip Waldron.

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Thorner Lane, 2.45 Breeze Up, 3.15 Gods Solution, 3.45 Spot Market, 4.15 Luna Bid, 4.45 Premier Lad.

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2.15 Summer Hill Daisy. 2.45 Sugar Token. 3.15 Brown Bear Boy. 4.45 Spot Market. 4.15 New Beginning. 4.45 Jay Gee Ell.

Going: good to firm Draw: high numbers best

2.15 EBF CARLTON MINNIOTT MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,371: 5f) (13 runners)

2			BASHUSH H Thomson Jones 8-11	P D'Arcy 7
7	3		HALVOYA 18 (B) J W Watts 8-11	A Mackay 4
9			JANANJ M H Easterby 8-11	K Hodgson 3
10			MATRACE D Barron 8-11	— 2
11	0		MICHELLE MY GIRL 42 N Tinkler 8-11	— 1
12	4		MILL BRIDGE 16 M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch 11
15			SILENT PLEA P Charlton 8-11	— 10
16			SIR TANGS GIFT N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler 5
17	02		SONNTAG 35 C Gray 8-11	N Connorton 13
18	22		SUMMERHILL DAISY 26 (BF) E Eldin 8-11	A Mackay 8
19	2		THORNER LANE 8 (BF) R Wheeler 8-11	D McKeown 6
20			WAITINGFORMARGARET W O'Gorman 8-11	G Duffield 9
21			WARTHILL GIRL M Britain 8-11	K Darley 12

5-2 Halvoya, 9-2 Summerhill Daisy, 5-1 Bashush.

2.45 SKIPTON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,134: 5f) (11)

2	0		BRADLEYS IN TOWN 40 N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler 11
4	0		HERBIE JOHN 35 P Calver 8-11	M Fry 8
5	00		ORIENT GREY 16 T Barron 8-11	— 10
7	30		SONSIE MO 15 J Berry 8-11	J Carroll (5) 2
8	0		TERRY'S PET 7 I Campbell 8-11	I Gilendoni (7) 6
10	0		ARDEN GROVE 28 W Pearce 8-5	M McAndrew 5
11	014		BREEZE UP 10 (D,BF,F) C Tinkler 8-5	M Wood 4
12	0		BRIGHT JUNE 59 T Fairhurst 8-5	K Hodgson 3
15	0		LAURA'S DELIGHT 16 K Stone 8-5	— 9
17	0		MOM SALLY 10 Miss L Siddall 8-5	D McKeown 7
20			SUGAR TOKEN W J Pearce 8-5	M Hindley 1

5-4 Breeze Up, 9-2 Sonsie Mo, 13-2 Orient Grey.

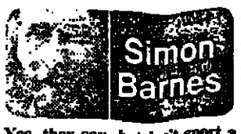
Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 9 winners from 23 runners, 39.1%; H Thomson Jones, 14 from 42, 33.3%; W O'Gorman, 10 from 33, 30.3%; D Barron, 20 from 120, 16.7%; J Watts, 11 from 70, 15.7%; S Eldin, 6 from 42, 14.3%.
JOCKEYS: N Connorton, 12 winners from 93 rides, 12.9%; A Mackay, 9 from 82, 11.0%; M Birch, 18 from 186, 9.7%; G Duffield, 9 from 93, 9.7%; M Fry, 8 from 89, 9.0%.

3.15 'BET WITH THE TOTE' HANDICAP (£4,103: 7f) (10)

1	01-0		INDIVIDUALIST 30 (F) M Jarvis 4-9-10	T Lucas 10
3	0-04		COINCIDENTAL 17 (C,G,S) J Edwards 5-9-4	G Duffield 3
4	4-00		ALL AGREED 19 (C,F,G,S) I Mathews 6-8-4	C Dwyer 7
6	001/		EMPANADERO 434 (F) J Radford 5-8-2	S Keightley 5
7	-203		CREE BAY 14 (B,F,G,S) J Spearing 8-8-1	N Connorton 2
9	6000		GRUNDY LANE 8 (S) E Eldin 5-8-13	A Mackay 1
10	0103		BROWN BEAR BOY 16 (F) R Armstrong 5-8-13	P Tulk 9
15	-132		GODS SOLUTION 19 (F,S) T Barron 6-8-3	N Carlisle 6
16	1230		PALMION 14 (CD,F,S) R Hollinshead 5-8-7	A Culhane (5

Sport is not every writer's cup of tea



Yes, they say, but isn't sport a bit *trivial* as a subject for a writer? Well, sport is trivial enough, but drinking a cup of tea is a fairly inconsequential matter. Proust got a fair amount of mileage from that and Joyce didn't do so badly with a quiet day in Dublin.

But writers whose ambitions go beyond tomorrow's fish and chip wrappers do not often turn to sport. I have been reading, with mounting disappointment, a new collection of sporting literature. Perhaps sport is not too trivial but too momentous. Trivial in itself, sport is an unending succession of triumph and disasters. In fact, sport is already a metaphor. So perhaps a work of literature about sport would be a kind of tautology: making a metaphor of what is already metaphorical.

That is all very well, you say, but what is sport a metaphor of? I'm glad you asked: there are several answers. Team sports, the kind in which you put the ball in the net or over the line, are battles. Tribal warfare. Obviously enough: so obvious the metaphor gets taken literally every Saturday afternoon. In Central America, a football match once started a war. The appalling jingoistic television responses to things like the World Cup demonstrate the same confusion of metaphor and reality.

Individual sports are not battles but duels. It is impossible to watch a tennis match without taking sides, without turning the match into a conflict between good guy and bad guy. Before

I see all golfers as King Lear

you know where you are you have turned the match into a fight for the moral future of the planet: it is in the nature of the sport to bring out such over-the-top reactions.

After the battle and duel, we have the race: horse, foot, motor and three legged. A race is a demonstration of the competitive approach to life: the first shall be first and the last, last. I never said these metaphors were subtle, did I?

But some sports are a little more complicated. Take golf. A lot of people insist that matchplay, man against man, is the natural approach to the game. Stroke play, they say, is a bastardisation. It doesn't look like that: surely golf is man against course? All the top golfers say that even in matchplay, they play against the course, just as they do in stroke play.

It seems to me that golf is man against course, against nature, against life, against God: whatever you like. But I see all golfers as King Lear, roaring defiance to the uncaring elements in the middle of some blasted fairway: what? didst give all to thy caddies? and art come to this? So, God stand up for bastardisation.

The game richest in metaphor is cricket. It is a game between teams *and* between individuals: it contains duels as well as battles. Test match series turn into campaigns of convoluted strategy. But cricket is dominated by the metaphor of death.

For every dismissal is a little death. A batsmen will have a life on 17, but will survive 'til tea. The bowler may have lethal pace, or murderous accuracy, and he will always be looking for the batsman to make a fatal mistake.

A batsman has one life, one ally and eleven enemies. He can *suffer from timor mortis*, like

News pages relate ordinariness

Boycott, or can swear and swagger, seeking the bubble reputation even in the cannon's mouth, like I T Botham. The approaches are equally vivid.

Cricket's metaphorical richness, its enormous number of variables, and its leisurely pace combine to make it England's most written-about sport. Indeed, some of the most overrated stuff in the history of literature has been written about cricket. Mind you, there's also been a lot of terrific journalism.

But all sports are good to write about if you are a journalist, because all sports have these vast, lumbering, unstated metaphors working in your favour with every line you write.

The news pages of any newspaper relate momentous events in terms of day-to-day ordinariness. The sports pages relate trivial events in terms of eternal significance. Therein is the problem for the writer of larger ambitions. Sports writing can give much passing pleasure (that's the idea, anyway) but it cannot hope to echo along the corridors of eternity like the non-events of Joyce's Bloomsday, or the ordinary matter of Proust's cup of elderflower tea.

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Increased interest in first division football as more teams take a peek at the Holy Grail

Reaching the peak of all-round success



Jimmy Hill, television football analyst, gives his verdict on what he regards as a potentially vintage season for everyone involved

In the years ahead 1987 might come to be regarded as a vintage year for football. Yet the improved, invisible bouquet could evaporate unless it is understood just how it was achieved.

The first improvement has been the increased interest in the first division competition as more teams challenged for the championship. Arsenal, Tottenham, West Ham, Nottingham Forest, Luton and Norwich, in different degrees and at different times, gave their supporters a peek at the Holy Grail before the extensive resources of Liverpool and Everton again separated them from the boys. (Unfortunately, the spiralling transfer fees and wages, blasted into orbit once again by Rangers' extravagance, indicate that the appetite of the giants for success at any price is still gargantuan and catching).

If a hidden handicapper could ensure that all the clubs approach the finishing line in a bunch in April, from Newcastle to Southampton you would not be able to oil the turnstiles fast enough.

In all four divisions, the excitement was undoubtedly increased by the play-offs, introduced as an expedient compromise when negotiations broke down last year between the first and second division clubs as to how many should be relegated. As a result, most people have realized what the American sports promoters have known for decades, that play-offs provide the maximum excitement as a climax to a season and much more money in the bank. It is hinted that they are here to stay in all but the first division. What is good for the goose, it seems, is not always good for the gander.

As to their fairness, all competitions are fair, provided the competitors know the rules at the outset and they are not changed along the way. Squealers should have regard to the common good and bite their tongues.

Although hooliganism is dormant rather than dead, it is certainly getting less exposure. A poll of polls is not needed to register the satisfaction the nation felt at the recent potent punishment of some of the guilty ones. Hitherto it was innocent players and spectators who had been deprived of differing measures of freedom, while the thugs responsible laughed at society and remained unscathed. The man in the street has been recommending more stringent sentences for years. It is a pity the public mood takes so long to filter into supporting action.

The absence of violence has been noticeable in televised matches, too, allaying the nation's fears that football grounds are not safe places for children to visit.

More than that, the quality and entertainment value of the games seen live on television this season have been almost uniformly excellent. The players have been well disciplined, with less malice and irresponsible physical violence than has been witnessed in some other sports.

Whatever the sport, though, surely the message is clear: the public responds positively to worthwhile values. They have recognized and applauded teams that commit themselves to attack, as against strangling games to death with a boring tactical rope.

This season's televised matches prove that when managers, players and referees unite to provide a spectacle for the spectator, it works. The more discerning observers will have noticed the difference and question why those objectives and standards are not uniform throughout the League. They could be, I say, they could be!

What better inspiration could we have than that glorious Cup Final at Wembley between Coventry and Spurs — there were no losers on that day. Yet the triumph was not accidental. Its foundation was built on the character, intentions and capacity to instil discipline by the managers concerned. The players responded readily, enabling the referee, Neil Midgley, to let the game speak for itself. The intention was there to enjoy themselves and provide even more enjoyment for others.

Perhaps in retrospect the disappointing Scotland-England international was a revealing blessing. The cold hand of fear inhibited most of the players at Hampden: fear of defeat, fear of failure and fear of losing the ball shackled the minds of most of them. If 22 players had occupied one dressing-room and resolved "Let's go out and give them a game to remember", there would have been only winners.

The enigma of the professional game is that, unlike the stage where an actor plays primarily to his audience, a footballer has divided responsibilities. Last Saturday's match taught the folly of putting fear first.

That game apart, for the first time for some years the public are behind the England team. Lineker and Beardsley inspire most of the devotion, although Chris Waddle is gaining ground in popularity, despite being left at the post initially. Bobby Robson's perseverance with Waddle against the trend is commendable and worthy of note.

Bryan Robson, pacing himself much better, quietly looked in a class above most at Hampden. Against the Brazilians, Tony Adams showed he could become a perfect partner for Terry Butcher. Thus there have been some encouraging signs, excepting the appalling possibility that Great Britain will not have one representative in next summer's European Championship.

Scotland have gone, Wales and the Republic of Ireland have greatdifficulties, Northern Ireland are preparing for the future and England have the best chance of qualifying. To do that, they will probably need to remain undefeated in Belgrade in November. That is not a certainty, as the Yugoslavs are technically brilliant and tactically aware. So that draw in Turkey could become a recurring nightmare or a triumph for Bobby Robson who, for the second time in 18 months, would have eluded the claws of a national sporting disaster.

International success apart, the most encouraging sign is that those who make up the product, the managers, coaches, players, referees and linesmen, are ready to do their utmost to shape the game to the public's liking. Therein lies the answer to the unrelenting financial problems with which most clubs struggle.

To reduce wages or increase the gates are the only real solutions. I know which is preferable, but both *require understanding* by the players. Some of the stories I hear about demands for salaries and signing-on fees would make even Gordon Taylor's hair stand on end.

I am the last person to complain about players being paid as much as they earn. My disquiet arises because for some years the carrot has been placed, if you will pardon the phrase, at the wrong end of the donkey and, sadly, too few people have been prepared to pay to see him pull his cart.

RUGBY UNION: WORRIES FOR WALES BUT ALL BLACKS LOOK AHEAD TO LONG TERM FUTURE



One in the ear: Richard Moriarty, the Welsh captain, is stopped in his tracks by the Tongan hooker, Funkavaka, yesterday

Evans flies home after Tonga battle

From Gerald Davies
Palmerston North

Wales	29
Tonga	16

Stuart Evans, the tough Wales front row forward, flies home with his right leg in plaster after this rugged match with Tonga. His departure deals a heavy blow to Welsh World Cup hopes as they count the cost to their already-beleaguered squad. Evans is the second member of the Welsh front row to return home following the ligament injury to the first choice hooker, Billy James, in training before the opening match against Ireland.

They could also lose the services of the winger, Glen Webbe, their three-try hero in this match. He left the field with concussion, and a decision will be made this morning on whether he, too, will have to fly home.

Evans, the tight-head prop, who missed two of the Five Nations Championship matches because of a broken bone in his left ankle, this time had his right ankle stamped upon. Webbe, in taking a high tackle from Ete'Aki and suffering a clash of heads, had severe concussion.

This should rule him out of the tournament altogether, as the instruction from the International Board insists on at least a three-week period of recuperation before playing another match. This had happened in the 31st minute of the second half. Yet he stayed on the field to score, three minutes later, a 60-yard try, his third of the game but there was little that he could recollect about it afterwards.

Wales made heavy weather of winning the match by two goals, two tries, a dropped goal and two penalties to a goal, a try and two penalties. The sun shone on the game and inspired a bright performance from Tonga but the Welsh play was poor, often inept, and strewn with errors.

Evans and Webbe were not the only casualties. In fact, both teams used their full quota of replacements: not to indicate any violent intent but rather the rugged nature of the match.

For Wales Malcolm Dacey injured the ligaments of his left knee and the other two, Huw Richards (neck injury) and Robert Jones (ribs), had to go with Evans and Webb to hospital for further examination straight after the game. Jonathan Davies replaced Dacey, Blackmore came on for Evans. Tonga lost the services of Amone, replaced by Lia Va'a, and Tupou, by Va'Eno. Both had leg injuries.

Wales needed to exercise control over the game, as Richard Moriarty, the captain, admitted afterwards and which they did at first. But it soon dissipated and they became increasingly ragged, so that for the most part it lacked direction. Until, that is, Davies came on in the 20th minute of the second half and restored a sense of composure.

Wales had started confidently with a try by Webbe in the fourth minute. His second, after Ring's chip to the corner, had an element of doubt about it as the wing gathered but, as he dived over, he seemed to touch the corner flag. Hilditch, the touch judge, though, was firm and thought it a score. Thorburn converted.

Thorburn and Amone exchanged penalties before Wales added to their score with another well constructed try. After several surges from the pack the ball finally came back for Jones to run left and, noticing the undefended corner, chipped behind the defence for Ring to gather and transfer the ball quickly for Hadley to score. It was the kind of start Wales had felt they needed but instead of building on it, their game began to fall apart. Tonga replied in the fifth minute of injury time with a sweeping move which resulted in Fielea crossing for a try, which brought the score to 17-7 at the interval.

Loss of cohesion and over-elaboration in midfield saw Welsh players collide embarrassingly. Once more though, Wales managed to collect the points, but without any confidence, with Thorburn kicking a penalty, Davies dropping a goal, and Webbe, concussed, running in for a try which Thorburn also converted. With so many stoppages there were ten minutes of injury time played during which Fifita, who had a fine game, got a try which Lia Va'A converted to add to his earlier penalty.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Webbe (3), Hadley. Conversions: Thorburn (2). Penalties: Thorburn (2). Dropped goal: J Davies. Tonga: Tries: Fielea, Fifita. Conversion: Lia Va'A. Penalty goals: Lia Va'A, Amone.
TONGA: T Ete'Aki; M Vunipola, S Mohi, F Kitekeou, K Fielea; A Amone (rep: Lia Va'A), T Fifita; H Tupou (rep: L Va'Eno), A Fungavaka, V Lutua, F Valu (captain), M Tuungafasi, K Fine, T Tu'uta, M Feiloa.
WALES: P Thorburn; G Webbe, K Hopkins, M Ring, A Hadley; M Dacey (rep: J Davies), R Jones; S Evans (rep: S Blackmore), K Phillips, A Buchanan, G Roberts, H Richards, R Moriarty (captain), P Moriarty, P Davies.
Referee: D Bishop (New Zealand).

Fijians should beat Italy

Billed initially as a contest of the also-rans, tomorrow's game between Fiji and Italy has graduated into a top class fixture after Fiji's upset against Argentina and Italy's showing against the Pumas (Chris Thau writes).

A likely Fijian win should see them through to the quarter-finals, most probably against France. An Italian victory by more than three tries to none would promote them to the unexpected position of runner-up to New Zealand.

Busy year ahead for All Blacks

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Sydney

You might think that a World Cup is enough for one season; but not for the southern hemisphere. In July Australia and New Zealand have their domestic confrontation for the Bledisoe Cup, and then in the autumn, while Australia visit Argentina, New Zealand send a team to Japan.

It will not be the full international side — a handful of All Blacks from the World Cup squad, no more — but it will offer themthe chance to assess some promising players. John Hart and Alex Wyllie, the national selectors, will manage and coach the party, which will play five games of considerable variety, including two "internationals" and a match against a Japanese Select XV.

A fourth fixture may be against the Asian Barbarians, made up of players from the dozen countries which contest the Asian Cup, while the final game will be against a President's XV raised by that veteran Japanese administrator, Shiggy Konno. He wants to attract players from outside the Orient, and hopes that the two invitation sides will help develop rugby in Japan.

"We know our strength," he said, not long after the All Blacks had scored 70 points in each of their two opening World Cup matches. "The way New Zealand are playing now is awesome. It's rather disheartening to see there is such a great difference between the first and second grade of countries in the world."

● No sooner did Australian team manager Alan Jones decide to make one change from his original XV to play the United States in their pool one match in Brisbane tomorrow, than he decided on another. Having brought Campese in on the wing at the expense of Grigg, he has now moved Coker to lock, restoring Tuynman to the No. 8 position.

There has also been disquiet about the American team's selection. Ron Mayes, their New Zealand-born coach, admits this is their "throwaway match", but also suggests that the standard among the country's top 30 players varies so little that it is hard to split them into two teams. Whatever the reality, only seven of the United States team that played against Japan last Sunday are retained.

● The Fijians were accused of "throwing" their game against New Zealand this week because they want to concentrate on a win over Italy tomorrow and a quarter-final place, but if true, it is a dangerous practice to adopt and one that discredits the competition as a whole. In Australia the crowds want to watch contests, not massacres, even when their own team is involved.

AUSTRALIA: A Leeds; D Campese, A Slack, B Papworth, M Burke; M Lynagh, N Farr-Jones; C Lillicrap, T Lawton, A McIntyre, D Codey, T Coker, W Campbell, J Miller, S Tuynman.
UNITED STATES: R Nelson; K Higgins, R Helu, T Vinick, G Hein; D Horton, D Dickson; F Paoli, B Howarth, P Johnson, S Finkel, W Shiflet, K Swords, A Ridnell, B Vizard.
Referee: B Anderson (Scotland).

● Jon Webb, the Bristol full back, has now become England's primary goal-kicker after the return home of Marcus Rose, and it is a department in which England are not well blessed. Bear in mind that against Japan (today's opponents) Rose kicked all his goals: six conversions and a penalty, and then went on to score 41 points in the Five Nations championship.

Webb ended the domestic season with some 250 points to his credit, but (and it is difficult to apologize for this) around 100 of them came from tries. Nevertheless, he has been a kicker throughout his career at the Royal Grammar School in Newcastle and for the Northern club before his medical studies brought him south. He kicked some excellent goals last season, particularly for his club after England decided not to employ his talents at international level.

Today's XV includes no other obvious goal-kickers, but were *Webb to be forced off the field he would* be replaced by Rob Andrew.

CRICKET

Doubt over Dilley for Essex match

Graham Dilley, England's fast bowler, is again under treatment for the side strain which forced him to miss the Texaco Trophy one-day international with Pakistan at Edgbaston on Monday.

Although he played for Worcestershire in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final against Surrey on Wednesday, when he bowled nine overs and took nought for 43, he is doubtful for the county championship game against Essex, the champions, at New Road today. Worcestershire have included left-arm spinner Illingworth and fast-medium bowler McEwan in a party of 13.

Two other England players, Gower and DeFreitas, return for Leicestershire, presently bottom of the table, who play Somerset at Grace Road. Gower replaces Briers, while Taylor, although named in a squad of 12, is expected to make way for DeFreitas.

Northamptonshire have won two of their three championship matches this season, and with two games in hand are only 25 points behind the leaders, Lancashire, who do not play today. *Northamptonshire meet Kent*, who have batsman Neil Taylor back in a party which also includes Richard Davis, a 6ft 4in slow left-arm bowler.

Hampshire's only change from the side beaten by Yorkshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final at Headingley, is the inclusion of their left-arm spinner, Raj Maru, for the match against Gloucestershire at Southampton. Neither side yet have a championship win to their credit. Maru comes in for Cowley, who will resume his place when the teams meet, again tomorrow in the Refuge Assurance League. Connor, the fast bowler, is also in Hampshire's 12-man squad for the one-day game.

Nottinghamshire, after enjoying a comfortable week which involved bowling Oxford University out for 66 and 52 in The Parks, meet Yorkshire at Middlesbrough. Broad, back from England duty, returns to their side.

Ian Gould, the Sussex captain, hopes to play his first match for a fortnight tomorrow. Gould, who has been suffering from a twisted left knee, is included in his side's 12 for the Refuge Assurance League match at Northampton. The county are expected to give Sunday league debuts to Simon Kimber, aged 23, an all-rounder, and Peter Heseltine, aged 22, a product of the Yorkshire League and an off spinner.

Sussex are still without three batsmen, Parker (broken left arm), Lenham (broken finger) and Alikhan (finger), while Pigott, a fast bowler, continues to serve his month's ban. Owing to injuries, the county have already used more players in first-class matches this season than any other club.

YACHTING

America's Cup bid should start now

By Barry Pickthall

"£10 million will buy a credible campaign, but we will have to spend double that — starting now — if we are to have any chance of winning the America's Cup in 1991."

Those sentiments came from Harold Cudmore, skipper of Britain's nineteenth and last unsuccessful campaign to wrest yachting's "Holy Grail", before he flew to Cannes for this week's Grundig World Cup match race championship, and effectively up the ante in the high-stake dealings for commercial support currently being played by four prospective syndicates.

So far three groups have been formed, the latest being Peter de Savary's £10m campaign sponsored by the Blue Arrow Group; and Virgin boss Richard Branson could make up the fourth after his transatlantic balloon crossing next month. But the money spoken about so far remains chicken-feed compared to Dennis Conner's $35 million United States "defence budget".

Graham Walker's existing Royal Thames syndicate is already both actively seeking support and starting its campaign: they are retaining designer David Hollom for an initial six months period while modifications are made to improve his Crusader II design and setting up an operations base at Hamble.

Despite this positive start, Walker faces the problem of fishing in waters muddied by the other syndicates for the £20 million of corporate funding that he and Cudmore think will be necessary if victory, not personal or corporate publicity, is the ultimate aim.

Skipper Cudmore says that his group gained a great deal of experience in Fremantle, and not unnaturally puts forward a strong case for continuity.

Hesees a strong analogy between an America's Cup campaign and a winning Formula One Grand Prix project. "Would you expect the McLaren or Williams teams to keep winning if their key personnel and design team were changed each year. Continued success in this 'hi-tec' game is based on a hard core of experience and talent, just like a 12-metre campaign has to be.

"Overall, management has to be in the hands of experienced sailing managers. Designers need the reserves to pursue a continuous development programme, and the group requires a core of proven sailing talent honed not just on 12 metres, but in major sailing events worldwide, to ensure all can perform under pressure."

Cudmore's budget breakdown is design and development: £5m; boats, rigs and sails, £5m; crew, transport and campaign costs, £8m; contingency for late developments, £2m; a total of £20m. If the other three syndicates cannot foresee matching these sums themselves, would not an amalgamation of resources now be more effective than another three or four half-hearted, fiercely independent challenges?

MOTOCROSS

Thorpe seeks a cure

By a Special Correspondent

Having seen a 33-point lead eroded in the last two rounds in Scandinavia, David Thorpe, the defending world champion, is changing the engine in his factory Honda for the sixth round at Reutlingen, near Stuttgart, in West Germany tomorrow.

"I am reverting to last year's engine as I am not 100 per cent confident of winning every time with the 1987 power unit. There is nothing wrong with the new engine but it has different characteristics which I have not been able to get the maximum benefit from just yet," he said.

Joint leader in the championship is Georges Jobe, of Belgian, who also rides for the Honda factory. Both men have 115 points. Kees van der Ven, of The Netherlands, is third on 107.

After excellent fifth and sixth places in Sweden a fortnight ago Kurt Nicoll, the leading Kawasaki rider, has risen to fifth place with 95 points and Thorpe, will be glad to be back *on a hard-surfaced track* which is new to most of the 500cc championship riders.

WORLD CUP DETAILS

POOL 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	1	1	0	0	19	6	2
US	1	1	0	0	21	18	2
Japan	1	0	0	1	18	21	0
England	1	0	0	1	6	19	0

REMAINING FIRST-ROUND MATCHES: Today (Sydney): England v Japan; Tomorrow (Brisbane): Australia v United States; June 3 (Sydney): England v United States; June 3 (Sydney): Australia v Japan.

POOL 2

Tonga 16 Wales 29
(at Palmerston North)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	2	2	0	0	42	22	4
Canada	1	1	0	0	37	4	2
Ireland	1	0	0	1	6	13	0
Tonga	2	0	0	2	20	66	0

REMAINING FIRST-ROUND MATCHES: Today (Dunedin): Canada v Ireland; June 3 (Invercargill): Canada v Wales; June 3 (Brisbane): Ireland v Tonga.

POOL 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N Zealand	2	2	0	0	144	19	4
Argentina	2	1	0	1	34	44	2
Fiji	2	1	0	1	41	63	2
Italy	2	0	0	2	22	95	0

REMAINING FIRST-ROUND MATCHES: Tomorrow (Dunedin): Fiji v Italy; June 1 (Wellington): Argentina v New Zealand.

POOL 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	2	1	1	0	75	32	3
Romania	2	1	0	1	33	75	2
Scotland	1	0	1	0	20	20	1
Zimbabwe	1	0	0	1	20	21	0

REMAINING FIRST-ROUND MATCHES: Today (Wellington): Scotland v Zimbabwe; June 2 (Dunedin): Romania v Scotland; June 2 (Auckland): France v Zimbabwe.

Tonga's excuse for the Canadian whitewash

From Chris Thau, Palmerston North

Fakahau Valu, the Tongan captain, made the amazing claim after his team's defeat by Wales that one of the reasons for their poor display in the previous game against Canada was that his younger players had never played against white men.

Despite the 29-16 defeat, Valu was far from down-hearted. "It was a good performance and we are proud to have played so well against a good team like Wales," he said.

Valu, a flanker who made his debut for Tonga in their historic 16-11 win against Australia in 1973, believes that his side could have done better against Canada as well as Wales but for a lack of international experience.

"We mostly play against Fiji and Western Samoa and most of the boys in the squad did not play against Wales last year. So the younger players got a bit disorientated when they saw and played against white players," Valu said.

The claim is not entirely convincing. Most of the Tongan players have played in various sevens competitions, including the Hong Kong event, and have been involved in New Zealand club and provincial rugby.

And Hans de Goede, the victorious Canadian captain, challenged the explanation.

"I spoke to two or three of the guys who played against Canada when I made my own debut in 1974. They said that the performance was affected by the fact that they had to play on Sunday — despite a dispensation from our government.

"The Tongans are a very religious nation and they tend to take those things rather seriously," he added.

The Tongans play their next game against Ireland, who, they hope, will become their first victims in the World Cup.

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Tour denied

Cape Town (AFP) — Danie Craven, the South African Rugby Union Board president, yesterday denied he had contacted many leading European players about a tour of the Republic after the World Cup. Craven was responding to a claim by the French stand-off half, Guy Laporte, that he and *about 200 others had* been approached about a possible tour.

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BOXING: IN THE WORLD UNIFICATION SERIES TYSON MAY FACE HIS STRONGEST CHALLENGE YET

Tyson's height may win the day

From Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
Las Vegas

Every time Mike Tyson's manager, Jim Jacobs, looks at the Tale of the Tape and sees the height and reach difference between the 5ft 11½in heavyweight champion and his 6ft 3in opponents he has a little *laugh to himself*. For Jacobs believes the bigger the discrepancy in the measurements the greater the advantage for Tyson.

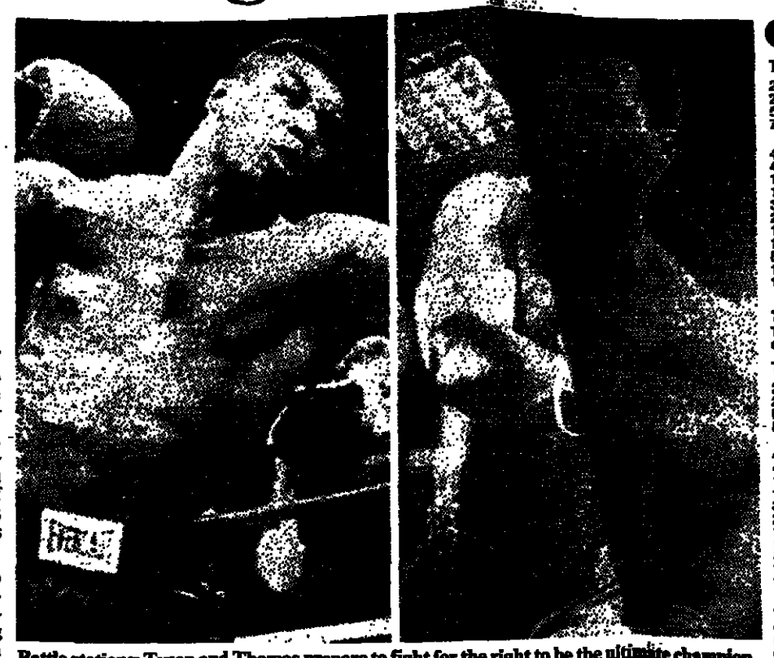
"Everybody talks about the reach advantage of a taller man. It is a myth," Jacobs says. "Hitting up is more effective than hitting down."

He said that Cus D'Amato, who was Tyson's legal guardian and trainer, used to laugh whenever people talked of height advantage. "Cus always used to say 'what they mean is height disadvantaged'."

So Jacobs was overjoyed to see Pinklon Thomas, the challenger for Tyson's World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association titles at the Hilton Hotel tonight, was 3½ inches taller and had a 5½-inch longer reach. "You will notice that Tyson makes himself even smaller when fighting," he said smiling.

Because of Tyson's power and high knockout rate, 26 in 29 bouts, the jab will be the key weapon. Thomas is thought to have the best jab in the world and his trainer Angelo Dundee says: "Pinklon will do his number with the jab, its the closest thing to Tyson's jab. Pinklon is ready to stick and move."

Dundee says Tyson is really a southpaw and has bad balance and Thomas will exploit that when he comes barrelling in. "You will see Tyson floored by the over-hand right," Dundee said yesterday.



Battle stations: Tyson and Thomas prepare to fight for the right to be the ultimate champion

But *the only man to have* dropped Tyson (as an amateur), one Al Evans, does not believe Thomas has the power anymore to put Tyson on the canvass. "I know Tyson doesn't like to be hit but Thomas' jab is like that, man," he said flicking out his hand like a wet rag.

According to Jacobs "Tyson could take away Thomas" jab in the first two minutes, he will finish him in the first round. "The incredible power and speed those short legs impart to his hands will enable him to out-jab Thomas," Jacobs said. *But Tyson's trainer,* Kevin Rooney was more cautious. He believes Thomas will try to outsmart Tyson in the early rounds and get ahead. "Thomas is going to stick and move but he will not be able to do it for long and it all be over by four," he said.

Despite Thomas' superb outward conditioning and his record of only one defeat — by Trevor Berbick — in 31 contests, there *is a doubt about his* mental and physical strength. Thomas smoked, drank and took drugs in his formative years and in his best boxing days was beset by managerial and family problems. Thomas himself says of the drugs: "I know I did myself no good but *at the time doing things that I* did was the cool thing to do."

But that is not to say that he might not get lucky and catch Tyson with a perfect punch. It would have to be early, for it is unlikely that the legs that once ran 100 metres in 10.5 seconds will be able to carry him out of *trouble for long*. It was only at the age of 20 that he realized he had to get out of the "fast lane" and change his ways; he is aged 29 now. His past could catch up with him tonight.

Second on the card is the International Boxing Federation heavyweight title bout between Tony Tucker and James Douglas. Tucker has a 34-0 record, including 29 knock-outs and is expected to *win and go on to face* the winner of the main bout in the final of the series to unify the world heavyweight championship on August 1.

● South Africa faces isolation in the boxing world. Under pressure from the Nevada *Athletics Commission (NAC)*, the World Boxing Association has suspended all relations with the Republic. The President of the WBA, Gilberto Mendoza, of Canada, has written to Nevada Commission to say that he will be presenting a motion at the next WBA convention *in* October to withdraw recognition of South African champions and prevent any boxer rated by the WBA from boxing in South Africa.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Tyson		Thomas
20	Age	29
218lb	Weight	215lb
5ft 11½	Height	6ft 3in
71in	Reach	76½in
	Chest	
43in	Normal	52in
45in	Expanded	54in
18in	Biceps	15in
14in	Forearm	12½in
34in	Waist	32½in
27in	Thigh	24½in
15in	Calf	17in
19¾in	Neck	17in
8in	Wrist	8in
13in	Fist	12½in
11in	Ankle	10in

RECORDS

Tyson: 29 bouts: 29 wins (25 knock-outs).
Thomas: 31 bouts: 29 wins (24 knock-outs), 1 defeat, 1 draw.

Tucker		Douglas
28	Age	27
225lb	Weight	216lb
5ft 5in	Height	6ft 4in
81½in	Reach	84in
	Chest	
42in	Normal	43in
45½in	Expanded	44½in
16½in	Biceps	15in
13½in	Forearm	14in
34in	Waist	36in
22½in	Thigh	27in
16½in	Calf	16½in
17¾in	Neck	17in
8in	Wrist	8in
13½in	Fist	13in
10in	Ankle	10½in

RECORDS

Tucker: 34 bouts: 34 wins (29 knock-outs).
Douglas: 27 bouts: 23 wins (15 knock-outs), 3 defeats, 1 draw.

MOTORCYCLING

Mellor is the man to watch

The thousands of race supporters who have poured into the Isle of Man look assured of a fast and exciting race in today's curtain-raiser to the TT meeting, the formula one world championship.

The preliminary race is for two-stroke machines up to 500cc and four stroke machines up to 750cc, and is over six circuits of the gruelling mountain course, a distance of 226 miles. The firm favourite must be the Ulsterman Joey Dunlop, who has won the last four formula one TT races.

In this week's practice sessions Dunlop has twice broken his own lap record with speeds of 116.55mph and 117.40mph on his 750cc Honda. But he will be fiercely challenged by Phil Mellor from Huddersfield, who recorded the fastest practice circuit of 118.03mph riding a 750cc Suzuki. That is just over four seconds outside the absolute course record of 118.47mph, achieved by Dunlop on his senior Honda in 1984.

Today's formula one TT is followed by a three-lap sidecar event. The racing programme for next week is: Monday: junior GT six laps 350cc followed by another sidecar race; Wednesday: formula two TT six laps followed by two production machine events; Friday: two production three-lap races followed by the main event of the week, the senior TT for machines up to 1,300cc over six laps of the course.

Border raiders

Arsenal have arranged three pre-season friendlies in Scotland. They play Morton on July 25, Ayr United on July 28 and Celtic on August 1.

Cup vacancy

The Football Association are seeking a third country to compete with England and Scotland for next season's Rous *Cup. This year's trophy* was won by Brazil.

EQUESTRIANISM

Smith and son in charge as rivals tumble at second

By Jenny MacArthur

The Smith family dominated a *drama-filled day at yesterday's* Hickstead Everest Double Glazing Nations Cup meeting. Harvey and Sanyo Olympic Video won the main class, the Everest *Double Glazing Trophy*, while his eldest son, Robert, riding Sanyo Vista, took the honours in the earlier Parcours de Chasse.

Harvey's victory, just a fortnight after his grand prix win at Windsor, came at the end of an eventful competition in which fence two, the privet hedge, which has been part of the Hickstead course for 28 years, took an unusual toll among the foreign riders.

Five horses tried to bank it, including George Morris, the former United States Olympic rider, on Rio. Morris took a perilous-looking nose-dive and was *taken out of the ring in an* ambulance. He was uninjured apart from severe bruising.

Paul Schockemohle and Deister also faulted at the fence, *hitting the second rail. Deister is* now slightly lame — much to the alarm of Hans Gunter Winkler, the West German *chef d'équipe*, who was hoping to have him as the mainstay of his Nations Cup team tomorrow.

Harvey Smith's views about fence two (4ft 8in high, with a spread of 5ft 10in) were forthright and, like Douglas Bunn, the owner of Hickstead, he dismissed suggestions that it was unfair. "It looks innocent but you just don't play about with it — you've got to ride at it."

Several of the American riders *failed to do this* — as Morris himself admitted afterwards. They are not used to this type of fixed fence and, coming so early in the course, were easily deceived by it. *Smith couldn't help* a chuckle at their expense when talking to Bunn. "Well, Douglas, Alan Ball [the course designer] couldn't stop the Yanks at Windsor but by God you stopped them today."

There was no stopping Joe Turi and Michael Bullman's Kruger, the runners-up yesterday. The Hungarian-born Turi attacked the course in the kind of determined fashion which the selectors had in mind when they added him to the British squad for tomorrow's Nations Cup.

Six riders — Turi, Smith, John and Michael Whitaker, Nick Skelton and Janet Hunter, are *in* the squad. The team of four who will carry British hopes in what looks set to be the most competitive Nations Cup ever at Hickstead *will be announced today.*

Robert Smith's victory earlier in the day proved again what a useful all-purpose horse he has in Sanyo Vista. The part-Cleveland gelding won a good jump-off class at Jerez de la Frontera in Spain earlier this month.

RESULTS: Everest Double Glazing Trophy: 1, Sanyo Olympic Video (H Smith), 0 in 40.38sec; 2, Kruger (J Turi), 0 in 42.30; 3, Jogger (F Raymakers, The Netherlands), 0 in 44.62.
Parcours de Chasse: 1, Sanyo Vista (R Smith) 56.99sec; 2, Puntero (S Leone, Aus) 59.28; 3, Kid Curry (G Glazzard) 61.86.

Slender lead for Miss Parker

By a Special Correspondent

Katie Parker, riding for the event sponsors, the Carphone Group, said that Master Chester was "great" after they held their first place having gone clear within the time, in spite of taking the slow route through the road crossing and corner fences, at the Bramham horse trials yesterday.

She has nothing in hand, however, for the Young Riders' final show-jumping phase today, for Susanna Macaire and Master Marius are hard on her heels, point eight of a penalty mark away, having gone fast and clear.

RESULTS: Young Riders' National Championship: (Overnight, after cross country) 1, Master Chester (Carphone Group, Katie Parker) 52.2; 2, Master Marius (Susanna Macaire) 59; 3, Senor Allegri (Happy Easter, Annabelle May) 57.8.
● Geoff Billington on Symmee, last to jump, produced a fast clear round to win the Royal Bath and West's final show-jumping class, the TSW Stakes yesterday. Fred Welch's Fable, ridden by Tina Cassan, jumped first in this one-round competition and theirs was the only clear, until Graham Fletcher on Stylo Wilkie took the lead, only to have Symmee immediately cut his time by 3.15 seconds.

Miss A J Murray's seven-year-old small hunter mare, Woodlands Lady Ivor, booked her Wembley ticket when she won the Lloyds Bank In-Hand Championship, from the Welsh Mountain stallion, Breachwood Marwyn, owned by David Gay.

RESULTS: TSW Stakes: 1, Symmee (G Billington); 2, Stylo Wilkie (G Fletcher); 3, Fable (T. Cassan). Lloyds Bank In-Hand Championship: 1, Woodlands Lady Ivor (Miss A Murray); 2, Breachwood Marwyn (D.Gay). Working Hunter Pony: Howden Mystery (Mrs A Wilson-Fitzgerald). Champion Shetland: Scarnells Cracker (Mrs J.Taylor). Champion Welsh Mountain: Breachwood Marwyn.

ROWING

Copenhagen team to take shape

By Jim Railton

The Nottinghamshire International Regatta this weekend has attracted meagre overseas opposition, but could be a crucial one for British rowers in contention for selection for the world championships. It will certainly be the last test for crews hoping for selection for the inaugural World Student Games regatta in Zagreb in July; and possibly significant in the composition of the British men's team for the world championships in Copenhagen in August.

For the first time it will be possible for crews in the world championships to "double up" by way of a subtle shift in the programme of racing. Accordingly, much interest this weekend will focus on Britain's talented heavyweight men's pairs. Today, the three top British combinations — Redgrave and Holmes, Cross and Clift, and Maxey and Garrett — will test themselves against each other in the coxed and coxless pairs. But I cannot see anyone toppling the British world champions, Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, in either competition.

The timetable is so designed that on Sunday Redgrave and Holmes will be left to romp away with the coxed and coxless pairs, while Cross, Clift, Maxey and Garrett will combine as one unit in the coxed and coxless fours. But whatever happens, questions will remain unanswered for Penny Chuter, the director of international rowing, as many of Britain's top rowers will be missing, concentrating on final examinations and their future careers off the water. In reality, the final solution may hinge on the Lucerne International Regatta, the weekend after Henley Royal, which by all accounts has attracted the top Soviet fleet.

Oriel may be heading for a daunting task

Whoever finishes head crew in the Oxford Summer Eights today — and it looks like Oriel — will face a daunting task (Jim Railton writes). As soon as they finish their race before an expected large crowd they will row back to the start to compete against a top Italian crew.

Yesterday the Pavia University eight arrived here for this special race (they are not competing in the Nottinghamshire international). In their crew are four world lightweight gold medal winners.

The Oxford organizers, for reasons best known to themselves, are at panic stations attempting to find accommodation for the Latins; but I have no doubt that all will be sorted out and reciprocal hospitality found.

For the first time this week *the Summer Eights were running* on time yesterday. Last night was one for consolidation. Oriel, who went ahead on Thursday at the expense of New College, are superbly confident with a star-studded crew, including three Blues stroked on bowside by Dan Lyons, the United States world champion.

Keble II have paid for their sins. On Thursday, contesting for top place in Division III, they acknowledged a bump on them so late that they were pushed into the bank by St Peter's I and the collision caused the latter to sink.

SUMMER EIGHTS RESULTS

MEN
DIVISION III: New College II bpd Corpus Christi; University II bpd Merton; Oriel III bpd Lincoln II; Mansfield bpd Exeter II. Finishing order: Corpus Christi, Christ Church II, University II, Merton, Lady Margaret Hall, Oriel III, Lincoln II, Keble II, St Edmund Hall II, Mansfield. Exeter II. [Revised starting order yesterday caused by Keble's demolition: Corpus Christi, New College II, Christ Church II, Merton, University II, Lady Margaret Hall, Lincoln II, Oriel III, Keble II, St Edmund Hall II, Exeter II, Mansfield.]
DIVISION IV: St John's II bpd Pembroke II; St Anne's bpd Trinity II. Queen's II bpd Keble III. Finishing order: Worcester II, St John's II, Pembroke II, Brasenose II, St Catherine's II, Balliol II, Magdalen II, Wadham II, St Anne's, Trinity II, Queen's II.
DIVISION V: Linacre bpd Christchurch III; Worcester III bpd Merton II; Osler House II bpd Jesus II; New College III bpd Balliol III; Merton III bpd University III; St Peter's II bpd Lincoln II. Finishing order: Keble III, Linacre, Christ Church III, Worcester III, Merton II, Osler House II, Jesus II, New College III, Balliol III, Merton III, University II, St Peter's II.
DIVISION VI: St Peter's II bpd Exeter III; Wolfson II bpd University IV; Oriel IV bpd St Edmund Hall III; St John's III bpd Pembroke III; Christ Church IV bpd Corpus Christi II. Finishing order: Lincoln II, Exeter III, Wolfson II, University IV, Oriel IV, St Edmund Hall III, Lady Margaret Hall II, Keble IV, Oriel V, St John's III, Hall II, Keble IV, Christ Church IV, Pembroke III, Christ Church IV.
DIVISION VII: Hertford III bpd Keble V; St Peter's III bpd Lincoln IV; New College IV bpd Regent's Park; St Catherine's IV bpd Queen's II; Trinity III bpd Wadham III. Finishing order: Corpus Christi II, Hertford III, Keble V, St Peter's III, Lincoln IV, New College IV, Regent's Park, St Catherine's IV, Queen's II, St Catherine's II, St Anne's II, Trinity III.
DIVISION VIII: Trinity III bpd Oriel VI; Mansfield II bpd Brasenose III; Worcester IV bpd St Edmund Hall IV; Hertford IV bpd St John's IV; Templeton bpd Trinity IV; Exeter IV bpd Balliol IV. Finishing order: Wadham III, Oriel VI, Mansfield II, Brasenose III, New College V, Worcester IV, *St Edmund Hall IV, Hertford IV*, St John's IV, Templeton, Trinity IV, Exeter IV.
DIVISION IX: Lady Margaret Hall III bpd Magdalen III; Jesus III bpd University V. Finishing order: Balliol IV, Lady Margaret Hall III, Magdalen III, Jesus III, University V, Templeton II, Brasenose IV, Christ Church V, Magdalen IV, Hertford V, St Edmund Hall V, Lady Margaret Hall IV, St John's V.

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DIVISION II: Keble bpd St Catherine's; New College bpd Worcester; Lincoln bpd Christ Church; St Edmund Hall bpd Balliol. Finishing order: St Catherine's, New College, Worcester, Jesus, Hertford, University, Lincoln, Christ Church, St Edmund Hall, Balliol, Queen's.
DIVISION III: Linacre bpd Somerville II; St Hugh's III bpd Lady Margaret Hall II; St John's bpd Magdalen; St Peter's bpd St Hilda's II; Brasenose II bpd St Catherine's II; St Hugh's IV bpd Merton. Finishing order: Linacre, Somerville II, St Hugh's III, *Lady Margaret Hall II, Trinity, St John's*, Magdalen, St Peter's, St Hilda's II, Brasenose II, St Catherine's II, St Hughes IV.
DIVISION IV: New College II bpd Jesus II; Mansfield bpd St Hilda's III; Wolfson II bpd Exeter bpd St Hugh's V. Finishing order: Merton, New College II, Jesus II, Mansfield, St Hilda's III, Wadham II, Wolfson II, Balliol II, Oriel, Hertford II, Keble II, Exeter.
DIVISION V: Corpus Christi II bpd Worcester II; St Hilda's IV bpd University II; Oriel II bpd Queen's II; Somerville III bpd Lincoln II; Wolfson II bpd Regent's Park. Finishing order: St Hugh's V, Corpus Christi II, Worcester II, Worcester III, St Hilda's IV, University II, Oriel II, Queen's II, Somerville III, Lincoln II, Wolfson III, Regent's Park, St John's II.

EVENING RACING

Stratford

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0 (2m hdle) 1. Tiarum (B Powell, 33-1); 2. Bedhoui's Pet (9-2); 3. Solstice Bell. Bedrock 2-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Frisky Fleet. Fooled. La Mothilla. Rubadark. ¾l, ½l, A Usher. Tote: £28.30; £4.10, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £60.20. CSF: £161.93. Tricast: £2.

Hamilton Park

Going: good to firm

5.45 (6f) 1. Serve N'Volley (T Williams, 11-2); 2, Apple Ringe (3-1 fav); 3. Rose A Flyer (8-1). 10 ran. NR: James Owl. 1½l, 6l. M Usher. Tote: £6.50; £1.90, £1.90, £2.70. DF: £13.80. CSF: £20.91.

CYCLING



Edging ahead: Steve Swart, of New Zealand, keeps in front of his close rivals yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

The pressure builds up on Elliott

By Peter Bryan

One day remains for Malcolm Elliott to complete his unbroken dominance in the Milk Race *which he has led from the* prologue time trial in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne on May 17, and the pressure on him will be at bursting point when he goes *to the line today on* Waterloo Bridge for the closing 80-mile stage in central London.

Elliott knows that he has good *form and, despite the suggestion of a slight cold, is very fit*, and he has lost none of his confidence. Yet, he wears his race leaders yellow jersey with a degree of apprehension about the dangers *that could be lurking on the* two-mile circuit linking Waterloo and Blackfriars Bridges by way of Stanford Street to the South and Fleet Street to the North of *The Thames*.

He had a foretaste yesterday of the pressures on him during the 98-mile twelfth stage from Chelmsford to Milton Keynes. *With 15 miles to go*, the field had split and he missed getting with a small front group. Fortunately for him none of the four leaders was a challenge to his overall lead but it was an indication of the uncertainty of road racing which, on a small circuit and with more attendant danger, is compounded.

The man he has to mark today is Aleksandr Zinovev (USSR) who starts 1 minutes 28 seconds in arrears in second place. It will be a "me and my shadow" battle.

Yesterday's stage was won by Valery Sapronov, the Soviet strong man, who on Thursday crossed the line first at Ipswich but was relegated to sixth place for dangerous riding. Elliott finished seventh, two minutes behind the Sapronov.

For most of the race's followers yesterday's stage belonged to *Bela Mathe*, only one of two Hungarians remaining as survivors of a team that has been consistently outclassed on every stage of the race.

Mathe was reported to have gone to the front of the pack six miles after the start. The news appeared hardly worth noting. But as time checks were made on his progress through the rolling Essex and Hertfordshire countryside the merit of his solo ride gained increasing appreciation.

The entire field showed no *reaction to the lone Hungarian's* bid for victory and were content to keep their pedals revving at an unusually slow speed — for them — of around 20 mph, perhaps in some part due to the efforts of his colleague Lajos Szabo to slow down the speed of the pack.

Mathe's greatest lead was 8min 53sec at the 68-mile point. But soon after he punctured his rear tyre and, once remounted after changing a wheel, he never regained the steady pedalling *pattern of the earlier miles*. He rode strongly up Bow Brickhill 20 miles from the finish but it was on the descent after 70 miles alone in the lead that he was caught and dropped having set a Milk Race record for completing the longest solo breakaway.

Before the stage started the Belgian Willi Tackaert — penalized on Thursday following a positive dope test — was disqualified from the race. Just before the start the Belgian Cycling Federation confirmed to Milk Race officials that Tackaert had also been found positive in March 1986.

RESULTS: Twelfth stage (Chelmsford to Milton Keynes, 98 miles): 1, V Sapronov (USSR) 4:19.28; 2, A Timmis (ANC-Halfords) same time; 3, D Allum (Lycra-Halfords) same time; 4, D Rayner (GB Amateurs) at 4 secs; 5 S Krawczyk (Pol) at 2 min; 6, C Lillywhite (Lycra-Halfords) same time; 7, Malcolm Elliott (ANC-Halfords) same time; 8 D Demol (AD Renting) same time; 9, A Zinovev (USSR) same time; 10, D Davis (GB Amateurs) same time.Overall (after 1,029 miles): 1, M Elliott (ANC-Halfords) 41:35.31; 2, A Zinovev (USSR) at 28secs; 3, P le Bigaut (Peugeot Dan Air) at 28secs; 4, P Watson (Lycra-Halfords) at 2.08; 5, M Sykora (Cz) at 2.29; 6, S Swart (ANC-Halfords) at 4.45; 7, V Sapronov (USSR) at 11.52; 8, I Ivanov (USSR) at 12.11; 9, D Rayner (GB Amateurs) at 13.10; 10, A Timmis (ANC-Halfords) at 13.17. Team: 1, USSR 124:50.59; 2, ANC-Halfords 124:54.33; 3, Czechoslovakia 124:10.01; 5, GB Amateurs 125:23.57.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SEVILLE: International meetings: Men: 100m: 1, B Johnson (Can), 10.05secs; 2, C Lewis (US), 10.07; 3, M Woronin (Pol), 10.31. 110m hurdles: 1, J Raybon (GB), 13.3; 2, J Moracho (Sp), 13.6; 3, G Balcot (Hun), 13.7. 200m run: 1, D Wimerspoon (US), 20.57; 2, M A Gomez (Sp), 21.37; 3, T Bennet (GB), 21.44. 400m run: 1, R Black (GB), 45.46; 2, C Daniels (US), 45.50; 3, M Rowe (US), 46.17; 4, K Akabusi (GB), 46.87. High jump: 1, J Solomayor (Cuba), 2.29m; 2, P Sjoeberg (Swe), 2.29 (three tries); 3, T Mcentis (US), 2.26. Triple jump: 1, M Conley (US), 17.08m; 2, Z Hoffman (Pol), 16.97; 3, A Asebatsiu (Nigeria), 16.91. 3,000m run: 1, J L Gonzalez (Sp), 7:42.93; 2, F O'Mara (Ire), 7:42.99; 3, J L Carvera (Sp), 7.44.04. Other placings: 5, G Turnbull (GB) 7:45.49; 8, M McLeod (GB), 7:51.82. 10, M O'Sullivan (Ire), 8:00.09. 400m hurdles: 1, H Schmidt (WG), 46.85; 2, N Page (US), 49.85; 3, M Zimmerman (Bel), 50.40. Hammer throw: 1, Y Sedyk (USSR), 76.40m; 2, F Fuentes (Sp), 69.36; 3, R Jirsano (Sp), 64.92. 800m run: 1, S Kookoy (Ken), 1.48.35; 2, R Druppers (Ned), 1:46.55; 3, F Latoil (Fr), 1:46.65. Women: 100m run: 1, P Marshall (US), 11.28; 2, A Issagenko (Can), 11.31; 3, E Kasprzyk (Pol), 11.48; 4, J Baptiste (GB), 11.71. Long jump: 1, G Lewis (US), 6.73m; 2, E Echevarria (Cuba), 6.66; 3, E Von Hoyer (Nether), 6.57. 100m run: 1, W Sly (GB), 4:08.69; 2, M Zuniga (Sp), 4:22.09; 3, S Llamas (SP), 4:31.08.

TURIN: Men's match between Italy and the Soviet Union (includes guest appearances): 110m hurdles: 1, I Nazanov (USSR), 13.90sec; 2, S Usov (USSR), 14.01; 3, L Berzocni (It), 14.14. 100m: 1, C Imo (Nigeria), 10.27; 2, H Glance (US), 10.46; 3, A Utti (It), 10.48. Discus: 1, A Andrei (It), 21.97m; 2, S Gavrnushin (USSR), 21.85; 3, M Monastacci (It), 19.33. 1,500m: 1, K Chernoyov (Kenk), 3:39.91; 2, L Masunov (USSR), 3:40.19; 3, A Lambruschini (It), 3:40.44. Two miles: 1, S Aouita (Mor), 8.13.45; 2, S Antoo (It), 8.20.79; 3, I Poutainyeb (Mor), 8.34.73. 400m: 1, M Franks (US), 45.93; 2, A Kurochkin (USSR), 46.30; 3, C Jenkins (US), 46.60. 3000m steeplechase: 1, F Boffi (It), 8:35.95; 2, N Metyushenko (USSR), 8:40.56; 3, Y Volgin (USSR), 8:47.80. Javelin: 1, S Gavras (USSR), 81.16; 2, F de Gasperi (It), 77.04; 3, N Kaleta (USSR), 76.80. High jump: 1, G Avdeyenko (USSR), 2.28; 2, Y Sergiyenko (USSR), 2.23; 3, L Tosi (It), 2.20. Long jump: 1, G Evangelisti (It), 8.10; 2, Robert Emmiyan (USSR), 8.09; 3, Simon Cleveni (It), 7.92. 4x100m: 1, Soviet Union (Yushmanov, Muravyov, Razgonov, Yevgenyev), 38.96; 2, Italy (Bio, Evangelisti, Goria, Bongiorni), 39.86.

BADMINTON

TAIPEI: Kaohsiung Invitation International: M Frost (Den) bt M Gunalan (Mal), 15-3, 15-3; F Frederksen (Den) bt Sze Yu (Aus) 9-15, 15-13, 15-12; N Yates (GB) bt S Kukasamkij (Thai), 9-15, 15-13, 15-3; M Stitek (Yug) bt Chung Chi-chen (Taiwan), 15-5, 15-8.

CRICKET

SECOND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Fellowships: Glamorgan 349 for six dec (P A Cottey 121, P G Roebuck 74) and 27 for one; Kent 230 (V Wells 50, M Ealham 52; S J Base four for 59, J Derrick four for 76). Bournemouth: Hampshire 251 and 139 for three (R J Scott 57; Worcestershire 234 for nine dec (K P Tomlins 103, M W Pooley 55 not out; R J Maru five for 76); York: Warwickshire 248 (P Clark 98) and 39 for no wicket; Yorkshire 316 (S Kellett 147). Market Harborough: Leicestershire 286 for nine dec (I P Butcher 100, P B Clift 71) and 1 for one. Northamptonshire 200 for nine dec (R Boyd-Moss 128). Guildford: Middlesex 179 (M A Roseberry 71; M J Bicknell four for 29) and 74 for four; Surrey 201 (N G Cowans five for 22). Crosby: Lancashire 280 for eight dec (A N Hayhurst 90) and 158 for two (M R Chadwick 83 not out); Nottinghamshire 188 (C D Fraser-Darling 51 not out; B P Patterson seven for 51).
MINOR COUNTIES: Fenner's ground: Cambridgeshire 222 for seven (J S Lawrence 58, S Turner 62) and 264 for seven (A D Cushill 68 not out, P J Caley five for 66); Suffolk 202 for nine (M S A McElvoy 60, S Turner seven for 54) and 210 for seven (C Green five for 79). Match drawn.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Yelly college 213 for 7, XI, 184 for 8; MCC 219 for 4, *Felstead 187 for 8, (* denotes home side)

GOLF

TELFORD: Ricoh club championship: Regional final: 1, M Scarrott and A Whitnall (Whittington Barnton); 2 Otton: 2, E Thomas and B Davies (Bridgnorth), 70.
LONG ASHTON: Hennessy Cognac national pro-am regional heat: 1, Cirencester (M Thomas and P Franklin) 63; 2, Long Ashton (D Scanlon, B Williams) 64; 3, St Mellons (B Thomas, W Swallow) 65.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Middlesbrough 48, Glasgow 90.
CHALLENGE MATCH: Ipswich 47, Belle Vue 43.
KNOCKOUT CUP: Arena Essex v Wimbledon postponed — rain.
BRITISH LEAGUE CUP: Sheffield 43, Reading 35.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Helsinki: Finland 2, Brazil 3. Oslo: Norway 0, Italy 0.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Rio de Janeiro state league: Vasco da Gama 2, Campo Grande 0; America 1, Caboriense 1; Porto Alegre 2, Goytacaz 0; Botafogo 0, Portuguesa 0; São Paulo state league: Corinthians 3, Ponte Preta 0; Juventus 1, Mogi Mirim 1; Guarani 0, Novorizontino 0; Inter Limeira 3, Santo Andre 2; Botofogo 1, Bandairante 0; Portuguesa 2, America 2.
SWEDISH LEAGUE: IFK Göteborg 2, Elfsborg 0; Brage 0, AIK Stockholm 0; Halmstad 0, GIF Sundsvall 0; Hammarby 4, Oster 3; Norrkoping 0, Malmö 3. Leading standings: 1, IFK Norrkoping, played 8, 11pts; 2, Orgryte IS, 8, 10; 3, IFK Goteborg, 8, 10.

TENNIS

BRADFORD: Grattan Heaton Open Championship: Men's singles: Semi-finals: J Goodall (Yorkshire) bt S Hiron (Yorkshire), 6-2, 6-3; P Treen (Avon) bt L Davies (Shropshire) 6-2, 7-5.
FARR: French Open: Men's singles, second round: B Becker (WG) bt M Bastiaan (US), 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; D Kemmitz (WG) bt M Degaimer (US), 3-6, 6-2, 5-2, 6-4; T Benhabiles (Fr) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-6 (7-4), 0-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-7; J Connors (US) bt M Westphal (WG), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6, 6-2. Third round: M Mecir (Cz) bt M Snijber (Ca), 6-1, 6-2, 6-1; K Novacek (Cz) bt E Winogradsky (Fr), 6-1, 6-0, 2-6, 6-4; J Hlasek (Swit) bt D Cahill (Aus), 6-4, 7-6, 6-4; M Jaite (Arg) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (13-11), 6-0.
Men's Doubles: Second round: J Bates and A Castle (GB) bt K Evernden (US) and W Masur (Aus), 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.
Women's singles, second round: C Karlsson (Swe) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; K Schlinger (SA) bt T Phelps (US), 6-7 (7-9), 6-2, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-0, 2-6, 6-2; L Garrone (It) bt M Bollegraf (Neth), 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; C Evert (US) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-3, 7-5; M Navratilova (US) bt A Villagran (Arg), 6-0, 2-6, 6-2. Third round: C Evert (US) bt E Kragi (Switz), 6-2, 6-0; K Maleeva Bulgaria, bt K Googart (US), 7-6 (8-6), 6-1; M Navratilova (US) bt P Huber (Austria), 6-0, 6-0; N Tauziat (Fr) bt K Pitsiaki (US), 6-1, 6-3; R Reggi (It) bt A Minter (Aus), 7-5, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt N Zvereva (USSR), 6-1, 6-3.
Women's doubles, first round: A Hendrickson and M Van Nostrand (US) bt C Cohen (Switz) and S Gomer (GB), 6-4, 6-4; M Reinach and E Reinach (SA) bt A Croft (GB) and S Mascarin (US), 6-1, 6-4.

GOLF

Inspired Conely lifts the Belvoir gloom

By George Ace

Peggy Conely, who will be aged 40 next month, brightened the gloom at wet and overcast Belvoir Park yesterday with a quite remarkable round in the Ulster Volkswagen Open.

Miss Conely, from the United States, went from three under to one over in the space of three holes, and then proceeded to *birdie the next three for a second* successive 72, one under par, and a two-round aggregate of 144. She retained the lead until late in the afternoon when Federica Deiaur, of Italy, carded a 70 to add to her 73 on Thursday, and take a one stroke lead. Local Portstewart girl, Maureen Garner, forced her way into the reckoning with a splendid 70 to share second place with Miss Garner.

The American sandwiched a double bogie at the 12th between single bogies at the 11th and 13th. She found a bush off the tee at the 410-yards 12th, and had to drop out under penalty, taking a further five strokes for an ugly seven.

But she showed all her class with consecutive birdies at 14, 15 and 16. At the short 14th she dropped a 10-foot putt, on the 15th she holed out from 15 feet, and on the 16th slotted in a three-footer after a superb six-iron off the tee.

"The greens are decidedly tricky, but I am happy enough with my round," was Miss Conely's smiling comment. She has only failed on one occasion in this Volkswagen classic not to match or better par in 11 rounds. She won the tournament in 1984, and finished second last year.

The overnight leader, Beverly New, was always struggling, and returned a 77, while Beverly *Huke* did not find the conditions to her liking, and finished with a 78.

LEADING SCORES (GB unless stated): 143: F Deseu, 73, 70. 144: P Conely, 72, 72; M Garner, 74, 70. 145: D Reid, 72, 73; A Wilson (Aus), 71, 74. 146: V Marvin, 73, 73; B New, 69, 77. 147: S Van-Wyke, 75, 72. 148: B Huke, 70, 78. 149: S Strudwick, 74, 75; A Tescinar, 74, 75. 150: C Friend (US), 76, 74; K Hansen (US), 76, 74; L Clark (US), 75, 75; P Gonzalez (Col), 74, 76; D Chun (US), 75, 75; A Sheard, 78, 72. 151: B Lumsford (US), 73, 78; R Bell (Aus), 75, 76; J Sevil (Aus), 76, 75; R Comstock (US), 74, 77. 152: L Beham (Ire), 76, 76; S Cayford, 73, 79; M Burton, 72, 80; K Douglas, 75, 76.

Pitch invasion

Brentford, of the third division, *hold their family fun day at* Griffin Park tomorrow, starting at noon.

A champion with her sunny side up

By John Hennessy

Hilary Kaye, the Hertfordshire champion, achieved an unexpected victory in the Wentworth Trophy yesterday. With rounds of 80, five over par, on the West course and 72, level par, on the East, she beat two distinguished opponents by two shots.

They were Laura Davies, the leading European professional in 1985 and 1986, and Jill Thornhill, a former British champion and a member of the victorious Great Britain and *Ireland Curtis Cup team in the* United States last year. Both took 82 on the West, troubled by the speed of greens specially prepared for last week's PGA *Championship*, and 72 on the East.

Mrs Kaye played some fine golf after what would have been a demoralizing start for many players. She dropped two shots at the short second on the West and three at its infamous third.

LEADING SCORES (West course first): 152: H Kaye (Harpenden), 80, 72. 154: L Davies (Sconish Equitable), 82, 72; J Thornhill (Walton Heath), 82, 72. 155: A Uziell (Berkshire), 82, 73. 156: N Way (Newlll), 78, 78; J Emuriwese (Patron), 81, 75; S Prosser (Wentworth), 85, 71; S Lowe (Broadstone), 79, 77. 157: C Bailey (Tandridge), 81, 76; K Nicholls (Burnham-and-Barrow), 80, 77; J Nicolson (Worplesdon), 82, 75; D Walpole (Walton Heath), 84, 73.

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Yeomanly Southfield

By John Watson

John Yeoman's Southfield trounced Chopendoz 10-6 in the semi-final for the six-chukka Prince of Wales Trophy at the Berkshire club yesterday.

Centred on the Virginian, Rinehart, backed by Brown and spearheaded by Kent and Yeoman, Southfield are perhaps the most effective mutually supporting *English line-up*. Rosamundo (received two) beat Los Locos 8-5 in the other semi-final.

SOUTHFIELD: 1, J Yeoman (1); 2, A Kent (7); 3, O Rinehart (9); back, M Brown (5).
CHOPENDOZ: 1, A Galven (6); 2, Lord C Beresford (6); 3, D Smiddos (7); back, B Morrison (3).
ROSAMUNDO: 1, R Matthews (4); 2, J Horswell (6); 3, P El Effendi (8); back, D Pearl (2).
LOS LOCOS: 1, S Tomlinson (4); 2, C Tomlinson (5); 3, S Novaes (7); back, P Churchward (6).

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Lean and hungry lions on prowl in the clay jungle

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

The French championships will be half over by tomorrow evening and already a storm of great tennis is gathering. The leading contenders for the *singles titles are beginning* to raise images of sharp-clawed beasts of the jungle within sniffing distance of their first decent meal for a week. They look lean, hungry and awfully dangerous.

Take, for example, two likely semi-finals: Ivan Lendl v Miloslav Mecir and Martina Navratilova v Chris Evert. All four played yesterday and they assumed a splendour beyond their immediate needs. They were so *magnificently* good that respectable opposition was reduced to rubble. To change the analogy, they were like mountaineers deliberately taxing their resources to the limit when the summit was still somewhere up in the clouds.

Not that words like "storm" and "clouds" sprang easily to mind on a day of golden sunshine. The Roland Garros Stadium was at its best – particularly the packed centre court, in which the public, dressed in the colours of summer, formed a gigantic rockery enclosing a sandy rectangle on which two lonely figures hit and ran and emotionally shifted from hope to despair, from pleasure to pain.

That court resounds to amplified echoes, the nasal intonation of French umpires, the soft, lulling sound of shoes sliding on shale and the reverberating plop of ball on racket. Visually, the geometric subtleties of clay court tennis are exposed in thrilling clarity.

It was on this court, my favourite in all the world, that the men's champion, Lendl, beat Thierry Tulasne, of France, by 7-6, 6-2, 6-2. The public were respectfully quiet, *partly* because of their awe at what Lendl was doing and partly because of their sympathy for Tulasne. Lendl looked strong, fit and fast and so confident that he could indulge in such luxuries as the *drive-volley and half-volley.*

Lendl said that his coach, Tony Roche, had run him so hard that "I didn't know what my name was. If somebody is going to beat me, it will take a long time or he will have to play very well." Of Tulasne, Lendl added: "He came out of the blocks very fast. Then he began to hit short and I took advantage of it."

Mecir beat Milan Srejber by 6-1, 6-2, 6-1. From 6-1 and 4-2 up Mecir won 24 consecutive points and 28 out of 29, which did not leave Srejber much scope for negotiation. By that time, indeed, Srejber was asking nothing more from life than somewhere to hide. He was so confused that he was even muffing the easy shots.

Mecir was so baffling that by the time Srejber had worked out where the ball was going it had gone. As if Mecir was not worrying enough, *Srejber had trouble with foot-faults*, which must be difficult to avoid if one's shoe size is 13½. Another Czechoslovak, Karel Novacek, yesterday came to the end of a remarkable streak in which he won 40 games *put* of 41.

Miss Evert won 6-2, 6-0 against Eva Krapl, of Switzerland, who was born in Czechoslovakia. Without shame, one offers the sonic pun that Miss Evert plundered the "exchequer". Miss Navratilova had a 6-1, 6-1 win over Petra Huber, of Austria, and then gave a press conference while nursing a miniature fox terrier – a special dispensation, because the only other dogs allowed on *the premises* are those loosely attached to security guards.

Miss Navratilova, whose private life is less conventional than most, dismissed rumours that she will soon be married but said that it was quite true that her former coach, Renee Richards, would fly to Paris next week to give her tactical advice. You may also be interested in the fact that Miss Navratilova has three addresses, which must be confusing for tradesmen.

Finally, there was a competent, stout-hearted British performance in the doubles when Jeremy Bates and Andrew Castle beat the tough *Anzac team of Kelly Evenden* and Wally Masur by 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 to earn a place among the last 16 pairs. One's joy in that modest triumph justified a brief repose at a log cabin in the Bois de Boulogne, where snack *lunches* are served in the company of dogs, sparrows and men who get very excited while playing a betting game called *la pétanque*.

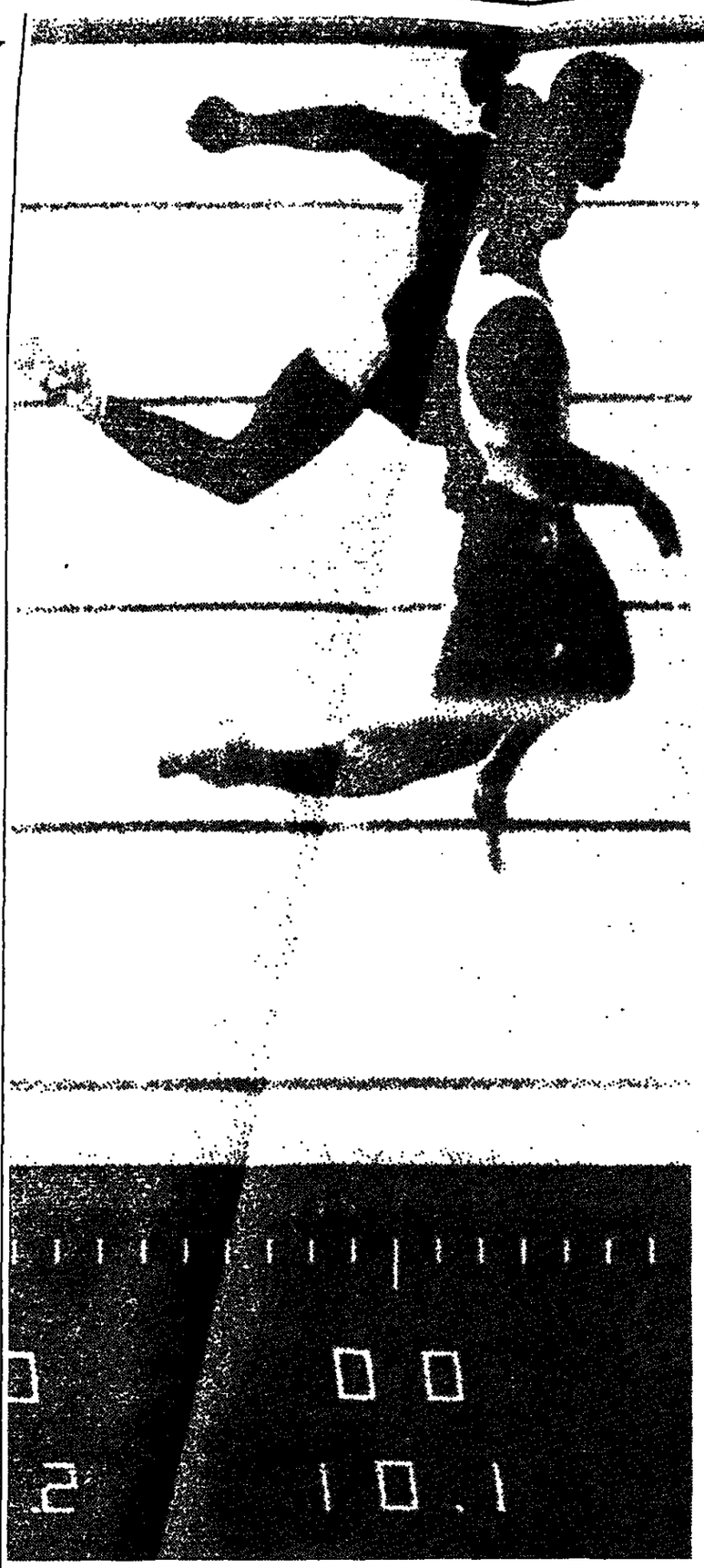
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How they line up

The line-up for the last 16 in *the singles* is:

WOMEN: Navratilova v Hanika, Tauziat v Kohde-Kilsch, Evert v K Maleeva, Reggi v Sukova, Sabatini v Schimper, Sanchez v Karlsson, M Maleeva v Rehe, Kelesi v Graf.

MEN: Lendl v Nystrom, Gomez or Berger v Sanchez, Novacek v Jaite, Kuchna v Mecir, Noah or Schapers v Yunis or Carlsson, Benhabiles or Chesnokov v Krickstein or Wilander, Connors or Davin v Keretic or Osterthun, Arrese or Arias v Sundstrom or Becker.



The official Spanish Athletics Federation photograph shows the exact moment that caused the arguments in Seville. Although his head is clearly behind Carl Lewis's at the line, Ben Johnson, nearest the camera, has his torso – the part that matters – in front

Lewis left to pose as Johnson wins opening encounter

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Seville

The Lewis camp argued long and hard that Carl had won the sprint against Ben Johnson here in Seville; but make no mistake, Lewis never won in a hundred years, let alone in 100 metres.

His excited reaction in raising his hand as he crossed the line, and claiming victory immediately afterwards are *almost excusable*. After all, he is as much a victim of the hype surrounding matches like this as the ingenuous spectators who came to see him win and booed him when he did not. But his defeat was as clear to them as it was to anyone in the right place.

Lewis's argument was based on his bid for the line, "which *he* didn't do", he said, referring to Johnson. And, indeed, the photo-finish showed that Lewis's head had broken the plane at least equal to Johnson's torso. But since it is the latter that counts, and the rest of Lewis's body was a foot behind, the result went to Johnson.

It should have been inimitable, but the arguments from Joe Douglas, Lewis's manager, almost swayed the organizers, who had not distinguished themselves in the administration of the rest of the meeting *on Thursday night. Indeed*, the result was changed briefly in favour of Lewis, but sanity prevailed.

And that pleased virtually everyone in the "athletics family", as the IAAF president, Dr Primo Nebiolo, with little apparent irony, called this circuit. For the enigmatic Lewis remains immensely unpopular, an animosity which cannot simply be explained by envy of his four Olympic and three World Championship gold medals. There is certainly a feeling that he has not had to work hard for his success, given his talents. But that is only part of the story.

Marian Woronin, the personable giant of a Pole, who is European record holder and finished third in Seville, explained: "He is just not part of the crowd. The rest of us are all friends, including Johnson. We all stay together, while he is off somewhere else. It's all he can do to say hello. And then there's this posing around. He is like a marionette."

This is an approximation of *Woronin's* halting French, for he now lives in Marignane, near Marseille. But the message was clear. He was gesturing to a photograph of Lewis in a model pose on the front page of the local paper. And it *is true that Lewis was staying* elsewhere – in a castle, would you believe? But this has more to do with Douglas, his rapacious manager, who similarly explains that Lewis is unlikely to compete in Britain since the new tax laws regarding sports appearances insist on 27 per cent deductions at source.

But once the dispute had died down, Lewis was persuasively eloquent about his chances of retaining his world 100 metres title in Rome in three months' time: "I made a couple of mistakes tonight. I didn't go with him when he surged in *the middle, but then* I proved I can catch him when I really tried, and that's a good result for me. It's going to be different when we get to multiple rounds in Rome. That brings everyone down to *the same level.*"

Johnson's response to this was a four-letter curse. He is a complete contrast to Lewis, a Jamaican immigrant to Toronto at the age of 10, has an incongruous stammer *which he seems to be* gradually mastering but which contributes to his bluntness. But there is something endearing about his lack of grace. You see, it is how *Like his refusing to dip* as he approached the line. This is something elemental about this man. You either win outright, or it is not worth winning, the athletics equivalent of dying on your feet rather than living on your knees.

Johnson's most telling (and longest) reply was: "I like the pressure, I need it to get me going." He was initially given the optimistic manual time of 9.8 seconds. But what else can *organizers try when* they have paid over $50,000 for the race? Work that out per second.

But Johnson said he believed he *could* do 9.8 seconds "on a good day". He owns the non-altitude world best of 9.93 seconds, and the world record holder, Calvin Smith, is languishing behind on 10.07 seconds the other night.

Johnson was equally out of his blocks, returning *home first thing* this morning, while Lewis is doing several television appearances before racing in Monaco next Thursday. At prices like these, the pair are unlikely to meet again until Rome.

Helping hand

Vendepac, the operated vending machine specialists, are sponsoring the National Athletics Championships for the Visually Handicapped for the third *successive year.*

McNeill sets out attacking plans

On his first full day back at Parkhead, Billy McNeill made it clear that his priority as Celtic manager for the second time was to try to make those players whose contracts have expired change their minds and stay with the club what he calls "the greatest club in the world" (Hugh Taylor writes).

He feels that Bryan McClair, recently linked with Manchester United, will sign a new contract, though still has to talk to both him and Maurice Johnstone. Although there was no comment yesterday from McClair, McNeill has reason to believe that McClair would prefer to play for him rather than move to England or to the clubs on the continent who are also interested.

McNeill said: "Just before I left Celtic for Manchester City I signed McClair from Motherwell. I never had the *pleasure of working with him* but I hope to remedy that now."

McNeill stressed that he wants Celtic to continue to play in their spectacular attacking style and that is why he will also be talking to another forward, Alan *McInally, another forward* who is haulking at the terms offered.

He will attempt, too, to assess the contractual problems which have threatened the Parkhead career of Murdo McLeod, the versatile Scotland international defender, who said last night that he has had offers from several European clubs.

While McNeill may soon consider *making an offer for* Charlie Nicholas, the Arsenal forward who came to the fore when he played under the aegis of McNeill at Parkhead, he declared that his immediate aim was to resign the four players out of contract.

Sponsor missing

The fifth British Closed Tennis Championships will be financed by the Lawn Tennis Association as no sponsor has been found for this year's competition. The tournament will be held at the *Telford Racquet Centre*

Sunderland plump for Smith while Fairclough moves to Wednesday

By Martin Searby

Sunderland are expected to name Denis Smith, of York City, as their new manager at *Roker Park this morning after* a day of negotiation at Bootham Crescent between the chairmen of the two clubs. With Smith will go Viv Busby as No. 2 after Sunderland agreed suitable compensation *for the pair, who were on two* year roll-on contracts.

Smith, who joined York almost five years ago as player-manager of the struggling fourth division side after a distinguished career with Stoke City, was the highest-paid manager in the third division and is likely to remain so with Sunderland presumably offering an increment on his current *£40,000 a* year.

In his second full season York won the fourth division championship and were the first team to top 100 points in a League season. Notable Cup victories over Arsenal and *Chelsea* also enhanced Smith's reputation.

The York chairman, Michael Sinclair, said: "I and my colleagues were aware of the Sunderland approach to Denis and Viv and we told them we did not want to stand in their way. But both are on good contracts and fair compensation should be paid."

● Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, *yesterday signed the* Nottingham Forest defender, Chris Fairclough, who was valued at £500,000 by Forest. But the fee is likely to be decided by an independent tribunal.

Fairclough, an England under-21 defender, who is at the end of his contract and who refused new terms from Brian Clough, is not expected to be Wilkinson's final signing of the summer, though, as he has already *put in written* offers totalling around £500,000 for the Ipswich Town defenders, Steve McCall and Ian Cranson. Mark Smith, Nigel Worthington and Chris Morris will probably all leave Wednesday.

● First division newcomers Portsmouth have made their second signing within 48 hours by taking Clive Whitehead on a free transfer from West Bromwich Albion. Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, believes the 31-year-old utility player will strengthen his squad and add some valuable experience as his club return to the top flight after an absence of 28 years.

● Fourth division Wolverhampton Wanderers, who missed promotion in the end of season play-offs, have given free transfers to four players. The experienced Barry Powell is being released along with midfield players Roger Eli and Russell Turley, and Irish youth international forward Derek Ryan.

● Northern Ireland's footballer of the year, George O'Boyle, aged 19, a midfield player with Linfield, has joined the French first division club, Bordeaux, for an undisclosed fee.

Away supporters shut out

Amsterdam (Reuter) – Only 500 supporters of the football club, Den Haag, will be allowed to attend the team's match against the league champions, PSV, in Eindhoven tomorrow, a PSV spokesman said.

The mayor of Eindhoven decided that matches which carry the risk of crowd trouble can be attended by only 500 of the visiting club's supporters.

Den Haag's supporters are considered the most unruly in Dutch football. The 500 will be brought by special train to Eindhoven and will be escorted to the PSV stadium, police said.

○ **TURIN:** The Italian club, Juventus, may hire the West German midfield player, *Bernd Schuster, if medical* examinations prove that he is fit. The West German, who plays for Barcelona, has been idle for one season.

● **NAPLES:** The Italian league champions, Napoli, announced today that they had finally signed the Brazilian World Cup forward, Careca, (Reuter reports). Careca, aged 28, whose transfer was complicated by financial differences with his Brazilian club, São Paolo, signed for his new club last night, officials said. The deal is will earn Careca $650,000 (about £400,000) a year.

Warm-up to Cup trials have an added punch

By Barry Pickthall

The two Solent Points races today and tomorrow take on fresh importance as a final warm-up for Britain's 15 Admiral's Cup trialists before selection trials for the three boat team commence next weekend.

So far Graham Walker's Lutes Andrieu-designed, Indulgence, has shown greatest promise among the larger yachts while Alan Gray's Bruce Farr-drawn, Jamarella, now fitted with a new rig to replace the mast badly bent last weekend, and the Dubois-designed, Full Pelt, owned by Stephen Fein have been the boats to beat amongst the smaller One Tonners.

Two boats expected to improve and provide Graham Walker and his crew with greater competition for the big boat berth within the team is Robin Aisher's, Yeomen XXVII, and Blizard, owned by Ernest Juer.

The Farr-designed, Yeomen, has had 350lb of interior furniture removed since being imported from Australia, and a new rig stepped this week should have shed another 100lbs allowing further weight to be shaved from her keel, but *Blizard, a Humphrey's design*, which has shown great promise at times, remains handicapped by a lack of sails. Her crew had hoped to receive these in time for this weekend's races but must now wait until next week, leaving precious little time to tune them.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Marsh's taxes

Terry Marsh will not have to pay £13,500 in taxes for his next bout, according to the British Boxing Board of Control. Warren had claimed that the board would demand that amount from the £147,000 purse Marsh will receive for the first defence of his International Boxing Federation light-welterweight title against Akio Kameda on July 1.

However, the board secretary, John Morris, said that *Marsh would have to pay only* a quarter of that amount.

Financial woe

Brentford Football Club made a loss for the financial year to May 31, 1986, of £5,594 compared with a loss the previous year of £292,959.

Speedy Aouita

Turin (AP) – Said Aouita, of Morocco, surpassed Steve Ovett's 10-year-old mark for the world best over two miles during an athletics meeting here on Thursday. Aouita, who lives in Italy, clocked 8min 13min 45sec to improve on Ovett's 8:13:51.

Russian trip

Moscow (AFP) – Officials of the Soviet National Olympic Committee announced yesterday that the country would send a team to the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary.

Shaw enters

Stephen Shaw has been given a wild-card entry into the Stella Artois tennis tournament at Queen's Club, from June 8 to 14. Shaw hopes to regain a place in the British Davis Cup.

Warnock dies

Jimmy Warnock, one of Ireland's all-time boxing greats, died yesterday after a long illness. He was aged 74. Warnock, a *native of Belfast* and a fierce competitor in the 1930s, was probably the finest Irish boxer never to win a world title.

Making plans

The British Amateur Rugby League Association are to set up nine regional centres of excellence to help prepare for the visit of the Junior Kiwis next season.

Makin signs

Salford have signed the scrum half, John Makin, the Great Britain under-19 vice-captain, from Wigan St Patricks.

Golf pales into insignificance

By Patricia Davies

The important news first. Joan Collins, superior soap superstar and potential golf connoisseur, made her entrance at the Four Star National Pro-Celebrity tournament at Moor Park yesterday to give the support to "Bungalow" Bill Wiggins, the latest man in her life.

La Collins was wearing shoes with heels a trifle too high for damp fairways but, like the true star she is, she alighted from her buggy to take a keen interest in Wiggins's chipping and putting, pursued all the while by a pack of perspiring photographers. They puffed and panted their way up and down Moor Park's hills and tended to snap at the wrong moment, not helping Wiggins, a left-handed 14 handicapper at Royal Wimbledon, who used to play his golf in a glare of anonimity.

He conjured a birdie four at the 17th, however, and received more applause than his partner Des Smyth and Jose-Maria Canizares, the other professional in the group, who also had birdies and manfully managed to play four Collins-assisted holes in one under par.

Canizares confessed afterwards that the Collins entourage had disturbed him slightly: "I missed a three-foot putt on the 15th and a six-foot putt on the 16th, both for birdies, but I'm a quiet person. I don't get too upset." He finished with a 70 for a seven-under-par total of 137, two shots behind the early leader Derrick Cooper, from Bolton, who did not drop a shot in his 66, six under par.

It is sometimes hard to remember that this is a golf tournament, for drama of one sort or another looks around every corner. *Dynasty* gave way to *Emergency Ward 10* when Dawn Brown, the heavily pregnant wife of Ryder Cup star Ken, complained of a stitch while watching her husband playing the 6th hole.

The child, their first, was already two days overdue. Mrs Brown played on to the turn, that a stand-in could be found, then rushed his wife home to await developments.

Ken was three under par at the time but as tends to be the case this week, the golf paled into insignificance.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	371	4	10	390	4
2	390	4	11	165	3
3	480	5	12	457	4
4	393	4	13	396	4
5	198	3	14	184	3
6	431	4	15	308	4
7	417	4	16	419	4
8	392	4	17	478	5
9	517	5	18	431	4
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